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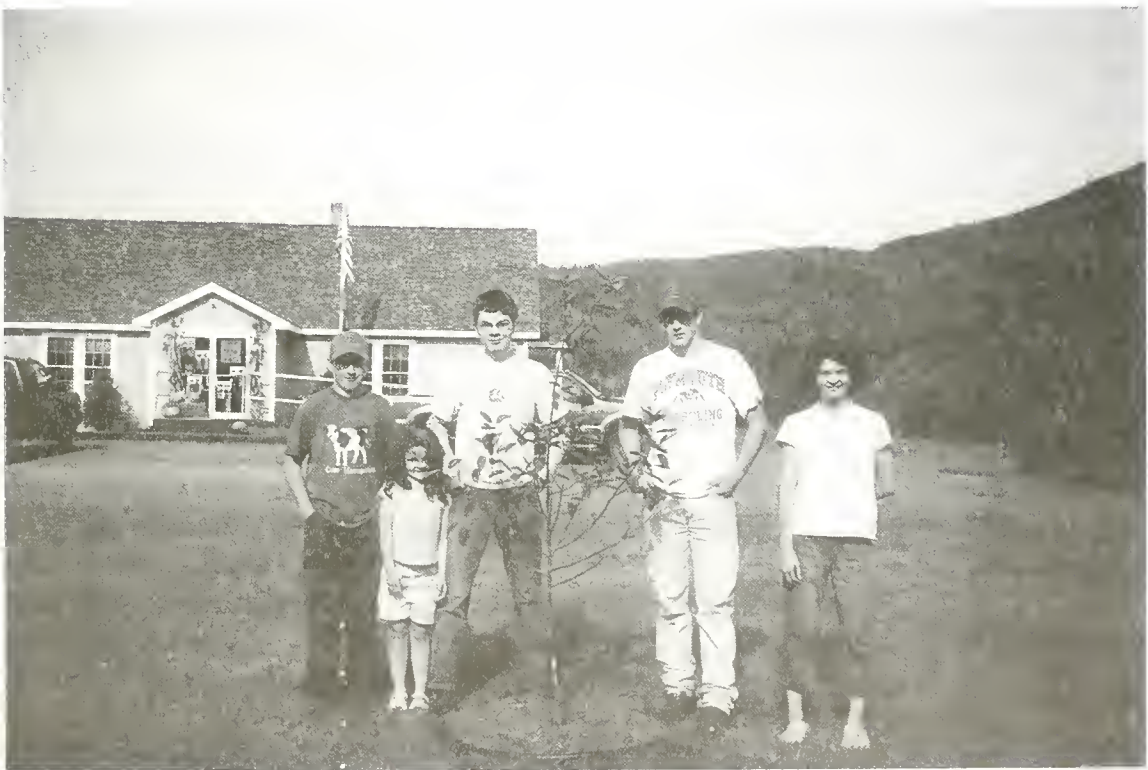
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Front Cover: Members of the Early Risers 4-H Club stand next to a flowering crab tree, which they donated and planted on the front lawn of the Town Office building.



FREDERIC A. FOSS
February 19, 1922 – June 6, 2007

Remembering my Dad

When I think of my Dad, he isn't old or weak or sick.
He is walking strong and fast – He taught me to take long strides –
it gets you there faster.
He is playing the piano – when I was little he would let me sit on his lap
and put my hands on top of his so I could play too – his hands
were so big – he taught me to appreciate music.
He is planting his garden – he taught me the value of being
self-sufficient
He is fishing and putting the worm on my hook – he taught me
that's a guy's job.
He taught me how to pick berries . . . for hours – he taught me patience.
He taught me how to read . . . for hours – he taught me how to dream.
He tried to teach me math . . . that didn't go so well.
He taught me to dig . . . dig up, dig out, dig in . . . whatever you were doing
one of those would work.
He taught me how to smile – I remember how good it made me feel when he
did – besides it always got him a second piece of pie.
He taught me what happens when you are sent to "go ask your mother".
He taught me to keep going even when it wasn't unanimous.
For all these things and more, I love you Dad.
You stand tall and strong in my heart.

Written by Carolyn Foss-Monson .

TOWN INFORMATION

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PHYSICAL ADDRESS (Town Office):	1679 US Route 3 Columbia, NH 03576
(Town Hall):	1919 US Route 3 Columbia, NH 03576
E-MAIL ADDRESS:	towncolumbia@verizon.net
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETINGS:	2 nd & 4 th Monday of each month 6:00 p.m.
PLANNING BOARD MEETINGS:	2 nd Tuesday of each month 6:00 p.m.
BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT MEETINGS:	As needed

TOWN CLERK/SECRETARY
HOURS:

Monday	10:00 - 5:00
Tuesday	8:00 - 3:00
Wednesday	10:00 - 5:00
Thursday	Closed
Friday	8:00 - 3:00

TAX COLLECTOR HOURS:

Months of June & November
Saturday - 9:00 - 12:00

Remainder of year -
2nd & 4th Saturday of each month
10:00 - 12:00

TOWN OFFICERS

OFFICER	POSITION	TERM EXPIRES
Norman Cloutier	Chairman-Board of Selectmen	2010
Eric Stohl	Selectman	2009
John "Phil" Monson, III	Selectman	2008
Jane C. McCoy	Moderator	2008
Brenda L. Tibbetts	Assistant Moderator	
Marcia Parkhurst	Town Clerk/ Secretary	2008
Jennifer Wells	Treasurer	2008
Garry Parkhurst	Tax Collector	2008
Marcia Parkhurst	Deputy Tax Collector	2008
Diane Little	Supervisor of Checklist	2010
Carolyn Foss-Monson	Supervisor of Checklist	2008
Lois Stohl	Supervisor of Checklist	2012
Marcia Parkhurst	Trustee of Trust Funds	2008
Carolyn Foss-Monson	Trustee of Trust Funds (Appointed 4/9/2007)	2008
Peter Dion	Fire Warden	2009
Wallace Adair	Deputy Fire Warden	2009
Jonathan Fogg	Deputy Fire Warden	2009
Brett Brooks	Deputy Fire Warden	2009
Kenneth Parkhurst	Deputy Fire Warden	2009
Robert Soucy, D.O.	Health Officer	2009
Clifton Boudle, Jr.	Road Agent	2008
Richard Johnsen	Civil Defense Director	2008

DeBlois, Scott	Planning Board - Chairman	2009
Shimkus, Joanne	Planning Board – Secretary	2010
Wells, Daniel	Planning Board	2008
Ghislaine “Sam” Boudle	Planning Board	2008
Monson, John “Phil”	Planning Board	2008
Lawrence, James	Planning Board – Alternate	2008
McCoy, Dale	Planning Board – Alternate	2008
Dion, Peter	Board of Adjustment - Chairman	2010
Schomburg, William	Board of Adjustment - Secretary	2008
Monson, John P.	Board of Adjustment	2008
Klebe, Carrie	Board of Adjustment	2008
Grimes, Kenneth	Board of Adjustment	2010
Schomburg, William	Conservation Commission	2010
Stohl, Eric	Conservation Commission	2009
Hastings, Kenneth	Conservation Commission	2008
Parkhurst, Sheila	Cemetery Sexton	2008



SELECTMEN'S REPORT

Federal, state and municipal bridges were very much in the news this year and Columbia was no exception. This past summer we completed replacing the large culvert on Stoddard Road. With advanced planning, the majority of this work was completed in one day.

We have received word from the State of New Hampshire that the long-awaited repairs to the Columbia Covered Bridge will be done this summer. According to their correspondence, the materials have been purchased and it has been placed on the schedule. The Town applied for State Bridge Aid for this project back in 2002. The Town of Lemington will be contributing 18% of the estimated costs of \$70,000 with the State of New Hampshire picking up 80% of the balance and the Town of Columbia picking up 20% of the balance. Our portion of the money came from a grant from the Connecticut River Valley Partnership in the amount of \$5,000, an LCHIP Grant in the amount of \$4,900 and the remainder raised at Town Meeting in 2003.

Another Town-owned bridge that is on the State's "Red List" is the bridge on Meridan Hill over Lyman Brook. You will see on the Warrant for this year that we have included an appropriation in the amount of \$40,000 to make some much needed repairs to this Bridge. We hope that you support us in this effort and vote yes on this article.

As you will remember, last year the Town was awarded a \$6,000 grant from the Tillotson Fund, which the Town matched. With these funds we have replaced the furnace at the Town Hall with a more efficient model. With help from the Boy Scouts of Troop 220, carpentry work has been completed returning the hall to its original size. In addition, the floor of the hall has been refinished. We hope that you will be as pleased with the look of the hall as we are.

This past year we were also awarded a grant from the Vital Records Improvement Fund to address some of our vital records storage needs. An assessment was made and the Town received several items including new shelving for the vault where our vital records are stored. Other items identified in the assessment and purchased were a special fire extinguisher,

which uses no chemicals and a dehumidifier for the upstairs vault, In addition, some of our old vital records will be rebound and filmed.

For two years now, several dedicated area residents have been working on writing a history of Columbia. This group meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 10:00 at the Town Office. The committee is hopeful that this book will be going to a publisher by December 2008. Watch the local papers for more information as it becomes available. The committee continues to accept pictures, etc. if you have some that you think will be of interest. New members to the group are always welcome.

In closing, we want to take the opportunity to thank all of the Town Officers for their work this year. The Town runs efficiently due to all of these people.

Norman Cloutier, Chairman
Eric Stohl
John "Phil" Monson, III



Some members of the Early Risers 4-H Club stand in front of the Town Office, which they decorated for fall. From left to right: Danielle DeBlois, Lucas DeBlois, Jacob Brady, Earl Brady and Courtney DeBlois.

WARRANT

The Polls will be open from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

To the inhabitants of the Town of Columbia, in the County of Coos, in the State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Columbia Town Hall on Tuesday, the 11th day of March, next at 7:15 o'clock in the evening to act upon the following subjects:

Article 1: To vote to bring in ballots for election of Town Officers to be elected by ballot for the year ensuing.

Article 2: To see if the Town will instruct its Selectmen to appoint all other Town Officials as required.

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$103,000.00 for Town Charges for the ensuing year.

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 for extinguishing fires in said Town.

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 to help support the operations of the Colebrook Communications Center.

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,771.00 to help support the services of the Upper Connecticut Valley Hospital Ambulance Fund. This appropriation will cover the time period from January 1, 2008 to June 30, 2008.

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$9,749.00 to help support the services of the 45th Parallel Emergency Medical Services and to permit the Selectboard to enter into a contract with this Service for such purposes. The initial contract will be for a six-month period beginning July 1, 2008 and end December 31, 2008.

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,200.00 for the Upper Connecticut Valley Hospital Association to cover medical emergencies.

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000.00 for operating expenses of the Upper Connecticut Valley Home Health Association.

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$700.00 as a contribution for the support and services of Northern Human Services.

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$47,600.00 for the June 30, 2008 payment on the Town Office Building Note.

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$9,100.00 for the maintenance of the Town's cemeteries. Of this amount, \$4,000.00 to be transferred from the Town Cemetery Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund.

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100.00 for the support of the Geo. L. O'Neil Post 62 American Legion.

Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$650.00 for support of the Community Outreach Program.

Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,000.00 for the support of the poor.

Article 16: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$85,000.00 for the maintenance of summer roads. Out of this \$85,000.00, \$36,390.00 to be reimbursed by the State of New Hampshire Highway Block Grant monies.

Article 17: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$82,000.00 for the maintenance of winter roads.

Article 18: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$40,000.00 for the repair of the Meridan Hill Road Bridge.

Article 19: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$27,000.00 for solid waste disposal and recycling.

Article 20: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,975.00 for the Colebrook Public Library.

Article 21: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$18,600.00 for appraisal upkeep.

Article 22: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$910.00 for maintenance of the Tax Maps.

Article 23: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum \$7,000.00 for expenses of the Planning Board.

Article 24: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$377.00 to help support the services of the American Red Cross.

Article 25: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$47,600.00 for an extra payment on the Town Office Note, with the money coming from the 12/31/07 unreserved fund balance at the discretion of the Board of Selectmen, and not to be raised by taxation. (Board of Selectmen recommends this appropriation.)

Article 26: To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to apply for State and Federal funds and to apply for, contract for, and accept aid relative to disasters and incur debts for temporary loans for same should the need arise.

Article 27: To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Town Conservation Capital Reserve Fund originally established in 1990. This capital reserve fund has a zero balance and was transferred to the general fund previously. This article is by request of the Department of Revenue Administration.

Article 28: To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund originally established in 1998. This capital reserve fund has a zero balance and was transferred to the general fund previously. This article is by request of the Department of Revenue Administration.

Article 29: To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Cemetery Land Purchase Trust Fund originally established in 1998. This expendable trust fund has a zero balance and was transferred to the general fund previously. This article is by request of the Department of Revenue Administration.

Article 30: To transact any other business which may legally come before this meeting.

Given our hands and seals, this 11th day of February, A.D., 2008.

s/ Norman Cloutier
s/ Eric Stohl
s/ John P. Monson, III

A True Copy – Attest
s/ Norman Cloutier
s/ Eric Stohl
s/ John P. Monson, III

**COMPARATIVE
STATEMENT - APPROPRIATIONS
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2007**

	ESTIMATED 2007	SPENT 2007	ESTIMATED 2008	VARIANCE
TOWN CHARGES:	\$92,000.00	\$109,707.00	\$103,000.00	\$11,000.00
PROTECTION OF PERSONS & PROPERTY:				
Colebrook Communications Center	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$7,000.00
Colebrook Fire Department	\$7,000.00	\$2,758.00	\$5,000.00	(\$2,000.00)
Health & Sanitation:				
UCV Mental Health Services	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
Vershire Center	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$0.00
UCV Home Health	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$0.00
UCV Hospital Association	\$2,200.00	\$2,200.00	\$2,200.00	\$0.00
UCVH Ambulance Fund	\$6,750.00	\$6,750.00	\$3,771.00	(\$2,979.00)
45th Parallel Emergency Medical Services	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$9,749.00	\$9,749.00
Waste Disposal & Recycling	\$27,000.00	\$24,971.00	\$27,000.00	\$0.00

**COMPARATIVE
STATEMENT - APPROPRIATIONS
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2007**

	ESTIMATED 2007	SPENT 2007	ESTIMATED 2008	VARIANCE
Highways & Bridges:				
Summer Roads/Bridges	\$85,000.00	\$74,702.00	\$85,000.00	\$0.00
Winter Roads	\$78,500.00	\$76,499.00	\$82,000.00	\$3,500.00
Meridan Hill Road Bridge	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00
Libraries:				
Colebrook Public Library	\$2,975.00	\$2,975.00	\$2,975.00	\$0.00
Public Welfare:				
Town Poor	\$5,000.00	\$5,742.00	\$7,000.00	\$2,000.00
Tri-County Community Action	\$650.00	\$650.00	\$650.00	\$0.00
Red Cross	\$360.00	\$360.00	\$377.00	\$17.00

**COMPARATIVE
STATEMENT - APPROPRIATIONS
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2007**

	ESTIMATED 2008	SPENT 2007	ESTIMATED 2008	VARIANCE
Cemeteries:				
Town Cemetery Maintenance Fund	\$5,000.00	\$4,518.00	\$9,100.00	\$4,100.00
Geo. L. O'Neil Post 62 American Legion - Flags	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
Miscellaneous:				
Appraisal Upkeep	\$18,600.00	\$19,051.00	\$18,600.00	\$0.00
Tax Map & Upkeep	\$910.00	\$910.00	\$910.00	\$0.00
Payment - Town Office Note	\$47,600.00	\$47,600.00	\$47,600.00	\$0.00
2nd Payment-Town Office Note	\$47,600.00	\$47,600.00	\$47,600.00	\$0.00
Tillotson Grant	\$12,000.00	\$11,908.00	\$0.00	(\$12,000.00)
Planning Board	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00
	\$445,845.00	\$445,601.00	\$513,332.00	\$67,487.00
Less Estimated Revenue:			(\$288,665.00)	
Net Estimated Town Appropriation:			\$224,667.00	

**COMPARATIVE
STATEMENT - RECEIPTS
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2007**

	ESTIMATED REVENUE 2007	REVISED PRIOR TO SETTING TAX RATE	ACTUAL 2007	ESTIMATED REVENUE 2008	VARIANCE
LOCAL:					
Yield Taxes	\$25,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$17,881.00	\$15,000.00	(\$10,000.00)
Land Use Change Taxes	\$7,500.00	\$18,500.00	\$18,135.00	\$10,000.00	\$2,500.00
Excavation Tax (\$.02/cu. yd.)	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,170.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
Interest/Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00	\$7,554.00	\$7,000.00	\$0.00
Motor Vehicle Fees	\$120,000.00	\$120,000.00	\$143,434.00	\$120,000.00	\$0.00
Dog License Fees	\$1,100.00	\$1,100.00	\$1,229.00	\$1,100.00	\$0.00
Business Licenses, Permits & Fees	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$993.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
Interest Received on Deposits	\$3,750.00	\$3,750.00	\$5,602.00	\$5,000.00	\$1,250.00
Interest Received on Trust Funds	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$14.00	\$15.00	\$0.00
Income from Planning Board	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$2,113.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00

**COMPARATIVE
STATEMENT - RECEIPTS
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2007**

	ESTIMATED REVENUE 2007	REVISED PRIOR TO SETTING TAX RATE	ACTUAL 2007	ESTIMATED REVENUE 2008	VARIANCE
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE:					
Revenue Distribution	\$5,000.00	\$4,385.00	\$8,617.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00
Block Grant Aid	\$33,032.00	\$33,032.00	\$33,032.00	\$36,390.00	\$3,358.00
Forest Fire Reimbursement	\$500.00	\$675.00	\$675.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
Forest Land Reimbursement	\$2,500.00	\$2,842.00	\$2,842.00	\$2,500.00	\$0.00
Meals & Room Tax	\$25,000.00	\$35,370.00	\$35,370.00	\$25,000.00	\$0.00
SP Railroad Tax	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$708.00	\$700.00	\$700.00
MISCELLANEOUS					
Lease - CN Brown Oil Tanks	\$4,130.00	\$4,130.00	\$4,130.00	\$4,360.00	\$230.00
Fund Balance	\$47,600.00	\$47,600.00	\$47,600.00	\$47,600.00	\$0.00
Tillotson Grant	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$0.00	(\$6,000.00)
Transfer from Cemetery Maintenance Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
	\$292,627.00	\$303,899.00	\$338,599.00	\$288,665.00	(\$3,962.00)

MINUTES OF COLUMBIA TOWN MEETING MARCH 13, 2007

At 7:15 p.m. Moderator Jane McCoy called the meeting to order. Boys Scouts from Troop 220 and Cub Scouts from Pack 220 presented the colors and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moderator McCoy introduced Life Scout Joseph Kennett from Troop 220. Joseph explained to the group present that he had approached the Columbia Board of Selectmen regarding his need for an Eagle Scout project. The Board agreed to let Joseph undertake renovations on the Town Hall as his project. He explained that he, along with other boys from his Troop, would be doing the carpentry work needed at the Town Hall and that the electrical and heating upgrades would be done by licensed professionals. The voters present gave Joseph a round of applause.

Articles on the warrant were voted on as follows:

ARTICLE 1: The Polls were open from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. (A total of 57 votes were cast, which accounts for 14.8% of the checklist.) The Moderator announced officers elected as follows:

Selectman	Norman Cloutier	3-year term
Moderator	Jane McCoy	1-year term
Planning Board	Joanne Shimkus	3-year term
Planning Board	Ghislaine Boudle	1-year term
Trustee of		
Trust Funds	Marcia Parkhurst	1-year term

The Moderator also announced that all twenty-one zoning questions voted on by ballot passed.

ARTICLE 2: Motion made by Kenneth Parkhurst and seconded by Carolyn Foss-Monson to instruct the Selectmen to appoint all other Town Officers as required. Motion passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 3: Motion made by William Simpson and seconded by Scott DeBlois to raise and appropriate the sum of \$98,000.00 for Town Charges.

Selectman Cloutier explained that included in this article is \$6,000.00 to be used as a match for the Tillotson Grant to be voted on in Article 25. These funds are to be used to do the needed renovations and upgrades to the Town Hall.

Motion passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 4: Motion made by William Simpson and seconded by Richard Hurley to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,000.00 for extinguishing fires in said Town. Motion passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 5: Motion made by Carolyn Foss-Monson and seconded by Kenneth Parkhurst to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000.00 to help support the operation of the Colebrook Communications Center.

Charlie Aubee asked why that figure had decreased from previous years. Selectman Stohl explained that the Board had decided to no longer be a “core town” in the dispatch center. This decision was based on the fact that policy and budget decisions were being made without the input of all the Towns. The Board felt that if Columbia didn’t have a say in these matters, that it was not necessary for us to spend the additional money required to remain a “core town”.

Motion passed by voice vote.

- ARTICLE 6: Motion made by William Simpson and seconded by James Tibbetts to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,750.00 to help support the services of the Upper Connecticut Valley Hospital Ambulance Fund. Motion passed by voice vote.
- ARTICLE 7: Motion made by James Tibbetts and seconded by Isabelle Parkhurst to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,200.00 for the Upper Connecticut Valley Hospital Association. Motion passed by voice vote.
- ARTICLE 8: Motion made by Kenneth Parkhurst and seconded by Scott DeBlois to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000.00 for operating expenses of the Upper Connecticut Valley Home Health Association. Motion passed by voice vote.
- ARTICLE 9: Motion made by Eric Stohl and seconded by Carolyn Foss-Monson to raise and appropriate the sum \$700.00 as a contribution for the support and services of Northern Human Services. Motion passed by voice vote.
- ARTICLE 10: Motion made by William Simpson and seconded by Scott Tessier to raise and appropriate the sum of \$47,600.00 for the third payment of the Town Office Building note. Motion passed by voice vote.
- ARTICLE 11: Motion made by Francis Gray and seconded by Scott DeBlois to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 to be added to the Town Cemetery Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund previously established.

Laverna Cass asked how much was currently in the fund. Selectman Cloutier explained that as of December 31, 2006, there was \$21,656.58 in the fund. Scott DeBlois asked what the \$5,000.00 would be used for. Selectman Cloutier explained that it was used for mowing and other general maintenance items.

Motion passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 12: Motion made by William Simpson and seconded by Joanne Shimkus to raise and appropriate the sum of \$650.00 for the support of the Community Action Program.

William Simpson asked what the money goes for. Selectman Monson explained that it helps to run the Community Action Program. This agency administers such programs as fuel assistance, weatherization grants, the food pantry, etc. In 2006, \$58,000.00 was given to Columbia residents from these programs.

Motion passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 13: Motion made by Kenneth Parkhurst and seconded by William Simpson to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 for the support of the poor.

Robert Young asked what this article does that Article 12 doesn't do. Selectman Stohl explained that this is direct support to Columbia residents.

Motion passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 14: Motion made by William Simpson and seconded by Richard Hurley to raise and appropriate the sum of \$85,000.00 for the maintenance of summer roads. Out of this \$85,000.00 \$33,032.00 to be reimbursed by the State of New Hampshire Highway Block Grant monies.

Joanne Shimkus asked why we are appropriating 20% more than last year. Selectman Cloutier explained that we haven't done any paving for the last couple of years and we plan to do some this year.

Motion passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 15: Motion made by William Simpson and seconded by Robert Young to see if the Town will vote to discontinue winter maintenance of South Jordan Hill Road and return the classification of this road to Class V → Summer Maintained Only.

Selectman Stohl explained that the Board had decided to put this article on the warrant based on their feeling that it is a liability issue for the Town. Several residents including James Lawrence, Francis Gray and Scott Tessier spoke in favor of continuing winter maintenance.

After much discussion, William Simpson made a motion to move the question, which was seconded by Daniel Lesperance. The Moderator explained that she had received a request, signed by five registered voters, to have this article voted on by written ballot. The polls were declared open and everyone who wanted to vote did so.

The motion was defeated on a vote of 35 to 33.

ARTICLE 16: Motion made by Carolyn Foss-Monson and seconded by Scott DeBlois to raise and appropriate the sum of \$78,500.00 for the maintenance of winter roads. Motion passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 17: Motion made by William Simpson and seconded by Isabelle Parkhurst to raise and appropriate the sum of \$27,000.00 for solid waste disposal and recycling. Motion passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 18: Motion made by Carolyn Foss-Monson and seconded by Kenneth Grimes to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,975.00 for the Colebrook Public Library. Motion passed by voice vote.

- ARTICLE 19: Motion made by Kenneth Parkhurst and seconded by William Simpson to raise and appropriate the sum of \$18,600.00 for appraisal upkeep. Motion passed by voice vote.
- ARTICLE 20: Motion made by William Simpson and seconded by Scott Tessier to raise and appropriate the sum of \$910.00 for maintenance of the tax maps. Motion passed by voice vote.
- ARTICLE 21: Motion made by Kay Soucy and seconded by Francis Gray to raise and appropriate the sum of \$360.00 to help support the services of the American Red Cross. Motion passed by voice vote.
- ARTICLE 22: Motion made by Eric Stohl and seconded by William Simpson to raise and appropriate the sum of \$47,600.00 for an extra payment on the Town Office Note, with the money coming from the 12/31/06 unreserved fund balance at the discretion of the Board of Selectmen, and not to be raised by taxation.
- Selectman Stohl explained that by making an extra payment we could save approximately \$9,000.00 in interest.
- Motion passed by voice vote.
- ARTICLE 23: Motion made by William Simpson and seconded by James Lawrence to see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to apply for State and Federal funds and to apply for, contract for, and accept aid relative to disasters and incur debts for temporary loans for same should the need arise. Motion passed by voice vote.
- ARTICLE 24: Motion made by William Simpson and seconded by James Lawrence to see if the Town will go on record in support of effective actions by the President and the Congress to address the issue of climate change which is

increasingly harmful to the environment and economy of New Hampshire and to the future well being of the people of Columbia. These actions include:

1. Establishment of a national program requiring reductions of U.S. greenhouse gas emissions while protecting the U.S. economy.
2. Creation of a major national research initiative to foster rapid development of sustainable energy technologies thereby stimulating new jobs and investments.

In addition the Town of Columbia encourages New Hampshire citizens to work for emission reductions within their communities, and we ask our Selectmen to consider the appointment of a voluntary energy committee to recommend local steps to save energy and reduce emissions. The record of the vote on this article shall be transmitted to the New Hampshire Congressional Delegation, to the President of the United States and to declared candidates for those offices.

This article was a petitioned article submitted by William Schomburg and Selectman Stohl questioned Mr. Schomburg about who the “declared candidates” are and for how long of a time period are we talking about. Mr. Schomburg stated that it was his feeling that the Carbon Coalition would record the record of the vote and that they would transmit this information to the people mentioned.

Joyce Brady stated that she felt people were getting alarmed about nothing and that the changes in the world’s climate were just a natural cycle.

William Simpson asked if the Board of Selectmen would be appointing an energy committee.

After much discussion, the article passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 25: Motion made by William Simpson and seconded by Kenneth Parkhurst to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,000.00 for renovations to the Columbia Town Hall. This money will come from a grant received from the Tillotson Foundation and not to be raised by taxation.

Motion passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 26: Motion made by Carolyn Foss-Monson and seconded by Daniel Lesperance to transact any other business, which may legally come before this meeting.

The Moderator read a notice informing the residents that the Columbia History Committee meets the 1st Tuesday of every month at the Town Office and everyone is welcome to join.

William Simpson made a motion, which was seconded by Scott DeBlois to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried by voice vote.

Moderator Jane McCoy declared the meeting dissolved at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marcia L. Parkhurst".

Marcia L. Parkhurst
Town Clerk

INVOICE OF PROPERTY

LAND	ACRES	VALUE	
Residential	2693.902	\$19,907,000.00	
Commercial	143.500	\$1,104,500.00	
Current Use	33,008.348	\$2,668,961.00	
Conservation Restriction			
Assessment	76.902	\$10,676.00	
Tax Exempt	3,652.870	\$2,330,500.00	
TOTAL OF LAND	39,575.522		\$23,691,137.00
BUILDINGS			
Residential		\$40,236,600.00	
Commercial		\$2,473,800.00	
Manufactured Housing		\$3,005,300.00	
Discretionary Preservation Easement		\$8,800.00	
			\$45,724,500.00
PUBLIC UTILITIES			
PSNH		\$965,600.00	
NHEC		\$714,400.00	
PNGTS		\$15,842,000.00	
			\$17,522,000.00
TOTAL VALUATION BEFORE EXEMPTIONS			\$86,937,637.00
Less Elderly Exemptions		(\$100,000.00)	
Less Solar/Wind Exemptions		(\$16,500.00)	
			(\$116,500.00)
NET VALUATION USED FOR COUNTY, MUNICIPAL & LOCAL EDUCATION TAX RATES			\$86,821,137.00
LESS UTILITIES			(\$17,522,000.00)
NET VALUATION USED FOR STATE EDUCATION TAX RATE			\$69,299,137.00

2007 TAX RATE CALCULATIONS

Town Appropriations:	\$ 445,845.00
Less: Revenues	(\$ 370,134.00)
Less: Shared Revenues	(\$ 3,133.00)
Add: Overlay	\$ 9,682.00
Add: War Service Credits	\$ 9,400.00
NET TOWN APPROPRIATIONS	\$ 91,660

School Appropriations:	\$1,291,506.00
Less: Adequate Education Grant	(\$ 386,630.00)
Less: State Education Taxes	(\$ 137,205.00)
NET LOCAL SCHOOL APPROPRIATIONS:	\$767,671.00

State Education Taxes Computation:

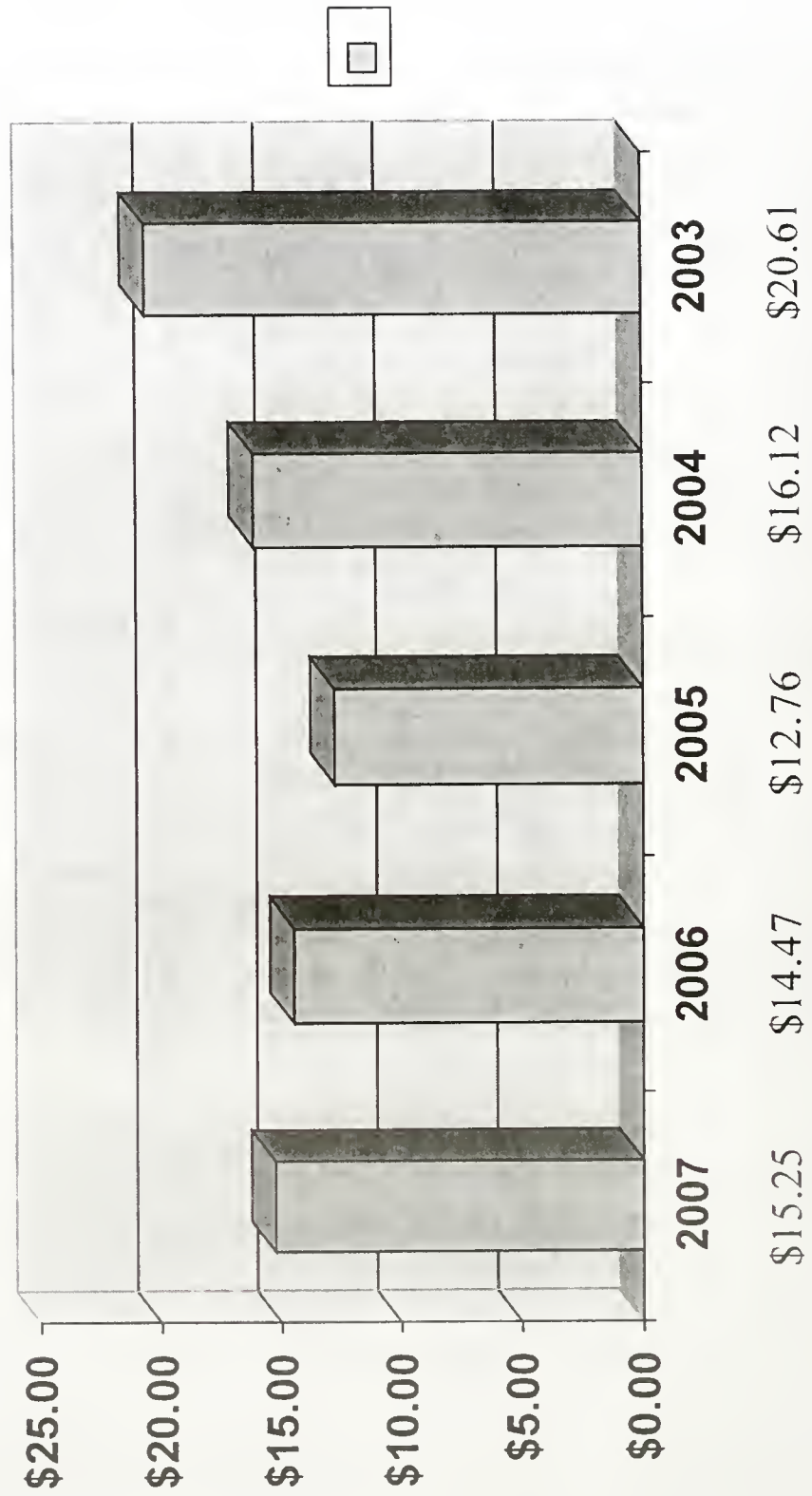
\$2.24 x \$61,252,142.00 (equalized valuation - no utilities)
divided by \$69,299,137.00 (local assessed
valuation - no utilities) = \$1.98

County Appropriations:	\$ 293,891.00
Less: Shared Revenues	(\$ 1,099.00)
NET COUNTY APPROPRIATIONS:	\$292,792.00

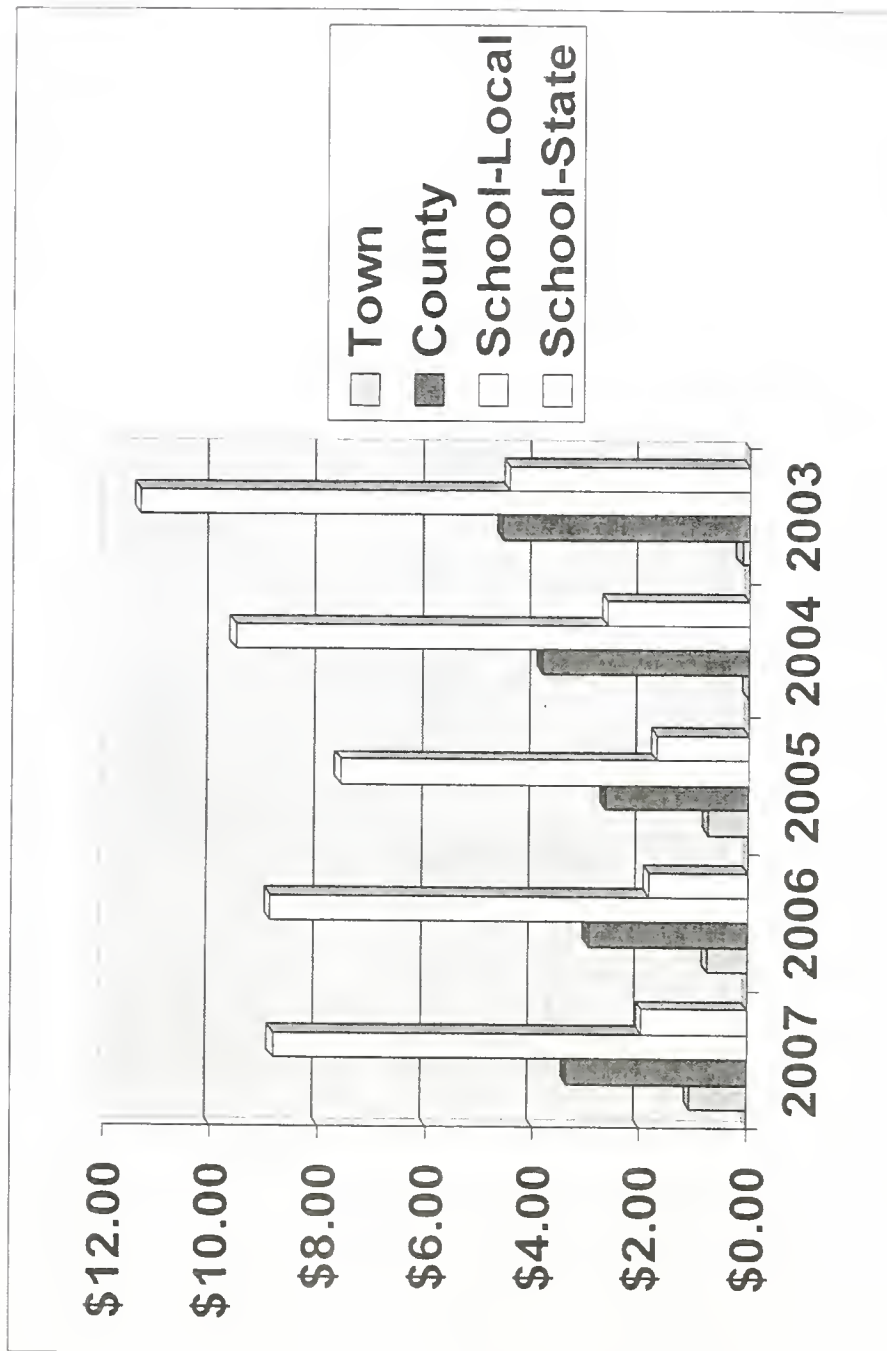
TOWN RATE:	\$ 1.06
LOCAL SCHOOL RATE:	\$ 8.84
STATE SCHOOL RATE:	\$ 1.98
COUNTY RATE:	\$ 3.37

TOTAL – 2007 TAX RATE \$15.25

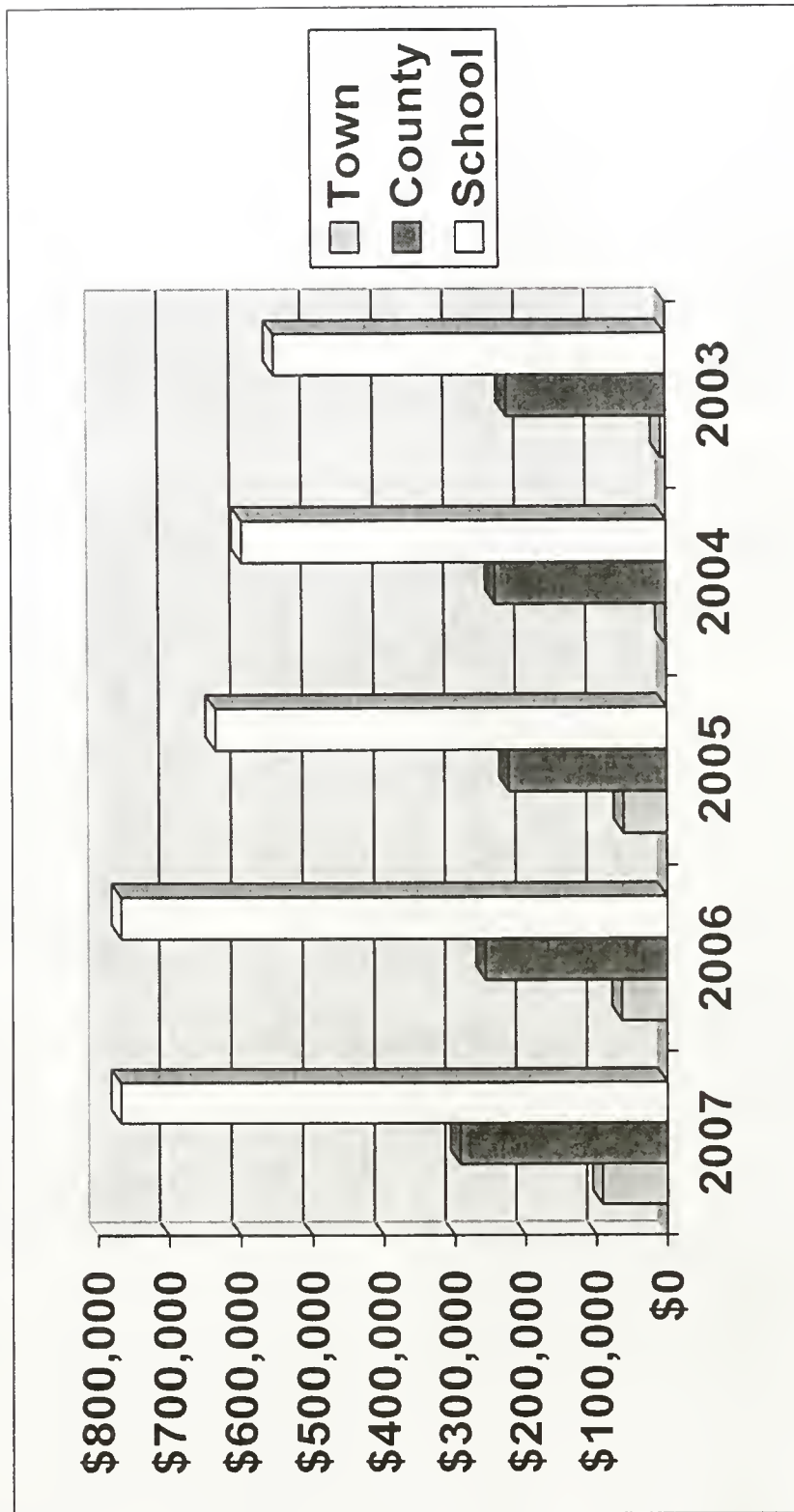
TAX RATE COMPARISON OVER LAST FIVE YEARS



TOTAL TAX RATE COMPARISON OVER LAST FIVE YEARS BROKEN DOWN BY CATEGORY



NET APPROPRIATIONS OVER LAST FIVE YEARS



FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Cash with Treasurer, January 1, 2008:		\$665,303.27
Unredeemed Taxes:		
Levy of 2005	\$ 9,702.01	
Levy of 2006	<u>\$21,300.22</u>	
		\$ 31,002.23
Uncollected Taxes:		
2007 Property	\$78,308.75	
2007 Yield	\$ 1,528.06	
2007 Land Use	<u>\$ 6,466.66</u>	
		\$ 86,303.47
Trust Funds:		\$160,930.70
TOTAL ASSETS:		\$943,539.67
Due School District:	\$654,876.00	
TOTAL LIABILITIES:		\$654,876.00
NET ASSETS:		\$288,663.67

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Town Hall:	\$538,106.00
Furniture & Equipment:	\$104,952.00
Town Office Building &	
55 acres:	\$357,000.00
17 acres:	\$ 60,500.00
 Columbia Covered Bridge:	 \$390,000.00
 Town Garage (Keach Road):	 \$109,710.00



TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

I want to take this time to thank everyone for their patience this past year. As many of you know, in July I finally went "on-line" with the Department of Motor Vehicles. This has proved to be either a "benefit" or a "curse" depending on what day it is. It has caused a delay for some people while I "figured out" what I was supposed to be doing. It is, however, an added convenience for everyone as I now can do all of the following vehicles:

Vehicles weighing up to 26,000

All of the following plates: Passenger, Motorcycle, Trailer, Tractor, "Moose", Vanity, Farm and Agricultural
Late Renewals

The State Vital Records system continues to change also. I am now able to issue certified copies of any births, deaths and marriages, which occurred anywhere in the State after 1989. Certified copies of divorce certificates are also available from me if they occurred after 1990. Beginning January 1, 2008, civil unions will be recognized and this, yet again, is another service that will be done through the Town Clerk's Office in the same manner as applying for a marriage license.

All of this technology does require me to attend various workshops and meetings. I try to give everyone as much advance notice through newspaper ads but I do apologize for any inconvenience this causes.

During the year ending December 31, 2007, I received and remitted to the Treasurer the following amounts:

Auto Permits	\$143,434.50
Dog License Fees	\$ 1,229.50
Vital Statistics	
State	\$ 195.00
Town	\$ 105.00
Marriage Licenses	
State	\$ 114.00
Town	\$ 21.00
UCC Filing Fees	\$ 180.00
Filing Fees	\$ 5.00
Copies of Checklist	\$ 50.00

TOTAL COLLECTED	\$145,334.00
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The Town Office continues to be open every day except for Thursday. The hours, phone numbers and e-mail address are listed in the front of the book for your convenience.

Marcia L. Parkhurst
Town Clerk



TREASURER'S REPORT

TOWN CHECKING & SAVINGS ACCOUNT

BALANCE ON HAND - JANUARY 1, 2007:

\$723,296.45

Received from:

Barry, Louis; Land Use Recording Fee	\$17.39
C.N. Brown Company; Lease on Tanks	\$4,130.00
Colebrook Ski-Bees; Rental of Town Garage	\$26.00
Downs, Arthur; Reimbursement for Fire Department Call; Motor Vehicle Accident	\$237.40
Farmers & Mechanics Bank; Copy of Tax Blotter	\$25.00
First Colebrook Bank; Interest on Accounts	\$1,421.45
G. L. Gettings; Reimbursement for Culvert purchased through Town	\$450.00
Geico Indemnity Co.; Reimbursement for Fire Department Call; Motor Vehicle Accident	\$1,052.66
L.G.C. Worker's Compensation Trust, LLC; Refund on Workers' Comp. Insurance	\$587.80
Monson, John, III; Payment for Loam Purchase from Town	\$420.00
NH Charitable Foundation; Tillotson Grant	\$6,000.00
N.H. Public Deposit Investment Pool; Interest	\$4,180.23
Planning Board; Fees	\$2,113.48
Progressive Northern Insurance Co.; Reimbursement for Fire Department Call . Motor Vehicle Accident	\$131.50
Ray Davis Real Estate; Copy of Tax Blotter	\$25.00
Selectmen's Fees; Junkyard License fees, pistol permits, disposal fees	\$565.00
Shallow River Properties, Inc.; Payment in Lieu of Taxes	\$1,500.00

TREASURER'S REPORT

State of New Hampshire -	
Dept. of Resources & Economics;	
Division of Forest & Lands	\$674.79
Forest Land Reimbursement - Nash Stream	\$2,841.95
Highway Block Grant	\$33,031.87
Railroad User Fee	\$707.63
Revenue Sharing	\$8,617.00
Rooms and Meals Tax	\$35,370.25
Town Poor; Reimbursement	\$383.99
Town of Columbia - Tax Collector	\$1,348,724.46
Town of Columbia - Town Clerk	\$145,334.00
Traveler's Indemnity Company; Reimbursement	
for Fire Department Call; Motor Vehicle	
Accident	\$191.50
Trustee of Trust Funds; Interest on Accounts	\$14.37
Verizon; Refund of DSL Installation	\$125.00
Vermont Mutual Insurance Co.; Reimbursement	
for Fire Department Call; Motor Vehicle	\$381.85
Weir Bros Fieldstone & Services;	
Reimbursement for Fire Department Call .	\$425.00
Total Monies Received During 2007	\$ 1,599,706.57
Balance on Hand 1/1/2007	\$723,296.45
Less Selectmen's Payments	(\$1,657,699.75)
Balance on Hand - January 1, 2008	\$ 665,303.27
Checking Account	\$548,674.10
Savings Account	\$30,326.32
NH Public Deposit Investment Pool	\$86,302.85
	\$665,303.27

Jennifer L. Wells
Treasurer

COOS COUNTY TRANSFER STATION REPORT
January 1 - December 31, 2007

Received from:

Deposits to
open account

Columbia January - December	\$2,000.00	\$12,586.00
Lemington January - December	\$ 400.00	\$ 3,300.26
Stewartstown January - December	\$5,500.00	\$45,247.58
Columbia Residents		\$ 1,207.30
Lemington Residents		\$ 88.70
Stewartstown Residents		\$ 2,409.25
Northeast Resource Recovery Association		\$ 4,417.19
Coos County		\$ 687.45
Total Deposits to Open Account		<u>\$ 7,900.00</u> \$77,843.73
Less Payments:		\$69,943.73
Deposits to Open Account:		\$ 7,900.00

Jennifer L. Wells
Treasurer

SELECTMEN'S REPORT
SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS - 2007

Business Licenses, Permits & Fees	
Junkyard Permits, Pistol Permits, copies, etc.	\$207.39
C.N. Brown; Lease	\$4,130.00
Colebrook Ski-Bees; Rental	\$26.00
Columbia House - UCVMH; Payment in Lieu of Taxes	\$1,500.00
Columbia Residents; Disposal Fees	\$375.00
Columbia Resident; Reimbursement for Town Assistance	\$183.99
Columbia Resident; Reimbursement for Town Assistance	\$200.00
Davis, Ray; Copy of Tax Blotter	\$25.00
Downs, Arthur; Reimbursement for Fire Call	\$237.40
First Colebrook Bank; Interest on Deposits	\$1,421.45
G.L. Gettings, Inc.; Purchase of Culvert	\$450.00
Geico Insurance Company; Reimbursement for Fire Call	\$1,052.66
Local Government Center - PLT, Inc. Refund on Workmen's Compensation Audit	\$587.80
Monson, John P., Purchase of Loam	\$420.00
New Hampshire Public Deposit Investment Pool; Interest	\$4,180.23
Planning Board	\$2,113.48
Progressive Insurance Company; Reimbursement for Fire Call	\$131.50

***SELECTMEN'S REPORT
SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS - 2007***

State of New Hampshire; Fire Permits and mileage - State's share	\$674.79
State of New Hampshire; Forest Land Reimbursement	\$2,841.95
State of New Hampshire; Highway Block Grant	\$33,031.87
State of New Hampshire; Revenue Sharing	\$8,617.00
State of New Hampshire; Rooms & Meals Tax	\$35,370.25
State of New Hampshire; SP Railroad Reimbursement	\$707.63
St. Onge, Beth; Copy of Tax Blotter Tax Collector	\$25.00
Costs & Fees	\$2,344.70
2007 Current Use Taxes	\$18,135.12
Previous Years Current Use	\$1,050.00
Interest on Taxes	\$7,553.77
2007 Property Taxes	\$1,198,075.01
Previous Years Property Taxes	\$62,908.71
Tax Sales Redeemed	\$26,357.22
2007 Yield Taxes	\$18,021.96
Previous Year Yield Taxes	\$7,249.18
2007 Excavation Tax	\$1,170.26
Overpayment	\$5,858.53
Tillotson Fund; Grant	\$6,000.00

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SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS - 2007

Town Clerk	
Motor Vehicle Permits	\$143,434.50
Vital Records - State	\$195.00
Vital Records - Town	\$105.00
Marriage Licenses - State	\$114.00
Marriage Licenses - Town	\$21.00
UCC	\$180.00
Filing Fees	\$5.00
Dog Fees	\$1,229.50
Copies of Checklist	\$50.00
Travelers Insurance Company;	
Reimbursement for Fire Call	\$191.50
Vermont Mutual Insurance Company;	
Reimbursement for Fire Call	\$381.85
Verizon; Rebate on DSL	\$125.00
Weir Bros.; Reimbursement for	
Fire Call	\$425.00
Trustee of Trust Funds; Interest	\$14.37
 TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR 2007	 \$1,599,706.57

**SELECTMEN'S REPORT
SUMMARY OF PAYMENTS - 2007**

TOWN CHARGES:

Officers' Salaries	\$32,272.00
Officers' Expenses	\$39,439.45
Election & Registration	\$277.50
Town Buildings & Utilities	\$27,411.92
Insurance	\$5,915.10

PROTECTION OF PERSONS & PROPERTY:

Fire	\$4,494.07
Radio Communications	\$3,000.00
Health	\$13,660.00
Sanitation & Recycling	\$24,971.39

HIGHWAYS & BRIDGES:

Summer Road & Bridges	\$74,676.99
Winter Roads	\$76,499.14

LIBRARY:

Colebrook Public Library	\$2,975.00
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PUBLIC WELFARE:

Town Poor	\$5,742.15
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CEMETERIES:

Cemeteries	\$4,517.75
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SELECTMEN'S REPORT

SUMMARY OF PAYMENTS - 2007

PAYMENTS TO OTHER GOVERNMENT DIVISIONS:

State & County	\$294,824.55
Columbia School District	\$883,473.00

MISCELLANEOUS:

Land & Building Appraisals	\$19,050.63
Regional Associations	\$623.19
Taxes Bought By Town	\$35,336.53
Refunds/Reimbursements	\$1,430.98
Note Payment	\$95,200.00
Tillotson Grant	\$11,908.41

TOTAL PAYMENTS FOR 2007	\$1,657,699.75
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SELECTMEN'S REPORT
DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS - 2007

GENERAL GOVERNMENT - TOWN CHARGES

OFFICERS' SALARIES:

Boudle, Ghislaine; Planning Board Salary	\$369.40
Cloutier, Norman; Selectman Salary	\$1,847.00
DeBlois, Scott; Planning Board Salary	\$415.57
Lawrence, James; Planning Board Salary	\$369.40
McCoy, Jane; Moderator Salary	\$50.00
McCoy, Joseph Jr.; Planning Board Salary	\$369.40
Monson, John P., III; Selectman Salary	\$1,847.00
& Planning Board Salary	\$369.40
Parkhurst, Garry; Tax Collector Salary	\$3,694.00
Parkhurst, Kenneth; Transfer Station Rep.	\$277.05
Parkhurst, Marcia; Town Clerk/ Secretary Salary	\$18,180.98
Shimkus, Joanne; Planning Board Salary	\$554.10
Stohl, Eric; Selectman Salary	\$1,847.00
Tibbetts, Brenda; Assistant Moderator Salary	\$50.00
Wells, Daniel; Planning Board Salary	\$369.40
Wells, Jennifer; Treasurer Salary	\$1,662.30
	\$32,272.00

OFFICERS' EXPENSES:

Avitar Associates of N.E., Inc.; Software Support, Tax Bills, etc.	\$3,275.58
Blossom Shop; Flowers	\$100.00
B.M.S.I.; Software Support & Updates	\$1,956.00
Cartographic Associates, Inc.; Map Updates	\$1,027.60
Colebrook Copy Center; Zoning Booklets	\$403.63
Construction Book Express; Book for Planning Board	\$217.90
Coos County Registry of Deeds; Recording Fees	\$58.00
CPI Printing; Town Clerk & Tax Collector Supplies	\$80.64
Crane & Bell; Auditing Town Books	\$5,300.00
First Colebrook Bank; Payroll Taxes	\$8,010.41

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J.P. Cooke, Co.; Dog Tags	\$77.07
Jordan Associates; Newspaper Notices	\$220.00
Lazerworks; Repairs to Monitors	\$40.00
Liebl Printing; Printing Town Reports	\$1,475.38
Lin-Jo Creations; Computer Supplies	\$78.90
Local Government Center, LLC - Law Lecture Series Registration Fee	\$100.00
Matthew Bender Co., Law Book Updates	\$260.40
Martin, Lord & Osman; Law Book - Planning Board	\$105.00
McCoy, Jane; Mileage Reimbursement	\$137.95
Memos of New Hampshire, Inc.; Office Supplies	\$921.05
News & Sentinel, The; Notices, Envelopes & Stationery	\$1,001.25
NHCTCA; Conference Registration	\$72.00
NH Department of Revenue Administration; Workshop Fee	\$10.00
North Country Council; Workshop Fee	\$15.00
Parkhurst, Garry; Fees	\$1,688.00
Parkhurst, Marcia; Mileage Reimbursement	\$218.05
Pitney Bowes Credit Corporation; Postage Machine Rental and Supplies	\$769.98
Petty Cash; Postage, Supplies, etc.	\$150.00
Postmaster, Colebrook; Box Rental	\$168.00
Price Digest; Town Clerk Supplies	\$164.00
Salisbury Industries; Sign Letters	\$34.00
U.S. Postal Service; Refill Postage Meter	\$2,400.00
U.S. Treasury; Social Security, Federal & Medicare Taxes	\$5,314.76
Waystack Frizzell; Legal Services	\$3,588.90
	\$39,439.45

SELECTMEN'S REPORT
DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS - 2007

ELECTION & REGISTRATION:

Foss-Monson, Carolyn; Supervisor of Checklist	\$75.00
Little, Diane; Supervisor of Checklist	\$67.50
Parkhurst, Isabelle; Ballot Clerk	\$60.00
Stohl, Lois; Supervisor of Checklist	\$75.00
	\$277.50

TOWN BUILDINGS:

Bolens Septic; Portable Unit - Town Hall	\$466.13
Boudle's Construction Co., Inc.; Landscaping - Town Office	\$4,058.40
Brooks, Howard; Shoveling - Town Office	\$47.50
Columbia Home & Building Supply, Inc.; Supplies	\$18.51
Columbia Sand & Gravel; Ledgepack	\$214.21
Earley Rubbish & Recycling, LLC; Trash Pick-up	\$216.00
Gadwah, Herbert; Water Rent	\$200.00
Gervais Plumbing & Heating; Cleaning Furnace	\$104.98
Gosselin, Albe; Water Rent	\$100.00
Hicks, P.A. & Sons, Inc.; Supplies	\$360.04
Monson, John "Phil"; Labor	\$70.00
Nugent Motor Company; Fuel	\$7,336.66
Parkhurst, Garry; Labor & Supplies	\$835.14
Parkhurst, Sheila; Raking & Seeding Lawn-Town Hall	\$2,053.12
PSNH, Electricity - Town Hall & Town Office	\$1,722.35
Rockingham Electrical Supply; Light Bulbs	\$8.88
S. Gray Construction, Inc.; Plowing & Landscaping	\$4,780.00
Tri-State Fire Protection; Checking Extinguishers	\$762.87
Verizon; Phone - Town Hall & Town Office	\$2,172.53
Vershire; Cleaning Town Office	\$1,071.60
Weir Bros; Mulch & Crushed Stone	\$730.00
Zizza Lock & Safe; Re-keying locks	\$83.00
	\$27,411.92

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INSURANCE:

Local Government Center - WCT, LLC Workmen's Compensation Insurance	\$1,167.65
Local Government Center - PLT, LLC Commercial Property & Liability and Public Officials Bond	\$4,747.45
	\$5,915.10

PROTECTION OF PERSONS & PROPERTY:

FIRE:

Adair, Wallace; Deputy Forest Fire Warden Reimbursement	\$364.30
Brooks, Brett; Deputy Forest Fire Warden Reimbursement	\$543.32
Colebrook Fire Department; Fire Protection	\$3,144.50
Dion, Peter; Forest Fire Warden Reimbursement	\$359.10
Parkhurst, Kenneth; Deputy Forest Fire Warden Reimbursement	\$82.85
	\$4,494.07

RADIO COMMUNICATIONS:

Colebrook, Town of; Communications Center	\$3,000.00
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SELECTMEN'S REPORT

DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS - 2007

HEALTH:

American Red Cross; Appropriation	\$360.00
Tri-County Community Action Program; Appropriation	\$650.00
U.C.V. H. Ambulance Fund; Appropriation	\$6,750.00
U.C.V.H. Association; Appropriation	\$2,200.00
U.C.V. Home Health; Appropriation	\$3,000.00
U.C.V. Mental Health; Appropriation	\$500.00
Vershire Center; Appropriation	\$200.00
	\$13,660.00

SANITATION:

AVRRD; Tipping Fees	\$8,513.39
Coos County Recycling Center; Columbia's Share	\$3,872.00
Coos County Transfer Station Account; Solid Waste Disposal	\$12,586.00
	\$24,971.39

HIGHWAYS & BRIDGES:

MAINTENANCE - SUMMER ROADS

Berlin Insulation; Roadside Mowing	\$2,460.00
Boudle's Construction Co., Inc.; Dozer, dumptruck, backhoe & excavator rental, labor, rockraking, moving equipment, etc.	\$20,303.27
Boudle, Clifton, Jr.; Storage Unit Rental	\$600.00
Cloutier Sand & Gravel; Grading & Gravel	\$6,770.00
Columbia Sand & Gravel; Gravel, Culverts, etc.	\$1,831.68
Jeffers, Clark; Dumptruck rental & culverts	\$985.50

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P.A. Hicks & Sons, Inc., Culverts	\$309.60
Pike Industries; Paving	\$41,198.25
Treasurer, State of NH; Street Signs,	\$41.19
Vershire Center; Picking up roadside trash	\$177.50
	\$74,676.99

MAINTENANCE - WINTER ROADS

Boudle's Construction Co., Inc.; Plowing Contract	\$76,423.00
Liebl Printing; Load Limit Signs	\$76.14
	\$76,499.14

LIBRARY:

Colebrook Public Library; 2007 Appropriation	\$2,975.00
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TOWN POOR:

Blue Mt. Variety; Fuel	\$516.75
C.N. Brown; Fuel	\$120.00
Green Tree Servicing; Mortgage	\$400.00
Jeffers, Clark Jr.; Plowing & Sanding	\$100.00
Lemieux Garage; Car Repairs	\$410.10
Lewis Ford, Inc.; Towing	\$50.00
Lewis Oil; Fuel	\$562.35
Name Withheld; Rent	\$400.00
Name Withheld; Rent	\$800.00
Name Withheld; Medicine	\$30.00
New Hampshire Electric Cooperative, Inc.; Electricity	\$1,902.95
PSNH; Electricity	\$450.00
	\$5,742.15

SELECTMEN'S REPORT
DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS - 2007

CEMETERIES:

Boudle's Construction Co., Inc.; Trucking	\$130.00
Gooch, Robert, Jr.; Mowing	\$330.00
Parkhurst, Sheila; Mowing	\$4,057.75
	\$4,517.75

STATE & COUNTY:

Bisson, Donald M.; County Treasurer, County Taxes	\$293,891.00
Coos County Registry of Deeds; Recording Fees, Redemptions & Postage	\$261.55
Department of Agriculture; Dog Licenses	\$371.00
Treasurer, State of New Hampshire; Marriage Licenses & Vital Statistics	\$301.00
	\$294,824.55

SCHOOL DISTRICT:

Columbia School District	\$883,473.00
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MISCELLANEOUS:

LAND & BUILDING APPRAISALS:

Avitar Associates of N.E., Inc.; General Assessing	\$450.63
Brett Purvis & Associates, Inc.; General Assessing & Cyclical Evaluations	\$18,600.00
	\$19,050.63

SELECTMEN'S REPORT
DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS - 2007

REFUNDS/ABATEMENTS:

Campbell, Donald & Stacey; 2006 Property Taxes	\$333.00
N.E. Forestry Foundation; 2006 Property Taxes	\$580.00
Universal Mortgage Corp; 2007 Property Taxes	\$507.00
White, Charles; Motor Vehicle Refund	\$6.00
Young, Beth; Wallace Cemetery Fund Interest	\$4.98
	\$1,430.98

REGIONAL ASSOCIATIONS:

NH Association of Assessing Officials; 2007 Dues	\$20.00
NH City & Town Clerks' Association 2007 Dues	\$20.00
Local Government Center, LLC	\$563.19
NH Tax Collectors' Association; 2007 Dues	\$20.00
	\$623.19

TAXES BOUGHT BY TOWN:

Town of Columbia - 2006 Taxes Bought By Town	\$35,336.53
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NOTE PAYMENT:

First Colebrook Bank; Two Payments on Town Office Note	\$95,200.00
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SELECTMEN'S REPORT
DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS - 2007

TILLOTSON GRANT:

Boivin, Norman; Carpentry Work	\$100.00
Green Mountain Electric Supply; Supplies	\$8.28
Hicks, P.A. & Sons; Lumber, etc.	\$552.33
Keddy Electric; Labor	\$253.99
Ledgewater Lumber; Lumber	\$1,010.00
Lynch, J.K., Inc.; Dumpster	\$583.81
My Three Sons Floor Refinishing; Refinishing floor	\$2,340.00
Norm's Plumbing & Heating; New Furnace	\$6,340.00
Parkhurst, Garry; Labor & Supplies	\$720.00
	\$11,908.41

GRAND TOTAL OF PAYMENTS	\$1,657,699.75
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Ballot Clerks Roberta Rainville and Isabelle Parkhurst check voters in during the Presidential Primary.

COOS COUNTY TRANSFER STATION ACCOUNT

RECEIPTS:

Town of Stewartstown	\$45,247.58
Town of Columbia	\$12,586.00
Town of Lemington	\$3,300.26
Northeast Resource Recovery	\$4,417.19
Stewartstown Residents; Building Debris, tires, etc.	\$2,409.25
Columbia Residents; Building Debris, tires, etc.	\$1,207.30
Lemington Residents; Building Debris, tires, etc.	\$88.70
Coos County	\$687.45

TOTAL RECEIPTS: \$69,943.73

PAYMENTS:

Bolens Septic; Portable Toilet	\$1,005.00
Brooks Agway; Gate	\$99.00
Carney, Jesse; Plowing & Gravel	\$1,582.50
Caron, Phillip; Compacting, etc.	\$6,267.50
Coos Auto Supply, Inc.	\$352.00
Coos County	\$22,500.00
Fisette, Ian; Labor	\$215.00

COOS COUNTY TRANSFER STATION ACCOUNT

Grondin, Alan; Labor	\$240.00
Haynes, Skip; Labor	\$169.80
Lamontagne, Sylvain; Labor	\$30.00
News & Sentinel; Notices	\$40.25
Northeast Resource Recovery Association; Freon Removal	\$282.00
Normandeau Trucking, Inc.; Trucking	\$32,989.30
P.A. Hicks & Sons, Inc.; Supplies	\$109.85
Parkhurst, Kenneth; Administration And Expenses	\$1,561.53
Redimix; Concrete Blocks	\$750.00
Ross Express; Trailer	\$1,450.00
Treasurer, State of New Hampshire; Signs	\$120.00
Unfonak, James; Labor	\$30.00
Wells, Jennifer; Treasurer	\$150.00
TOTAL PAYMENTS:	\$69,943.73



TOWN OFFICE NOTE

The Town signed a seven-year note in the summer of 2005 in the amount of \$288,000.00 to construct the new town offices. In 2007 we made two payments – our regular one, which was due on 6/30/2007, and an additional payment on the principal on 12/28/2007.

Date	Payment #	Interest	Principal	Balance
12/28/2005	1	\$ 0.00	\$ 47,600.00	\$240,400.00
6/30/2006	2	\$ 8,579.00	\$ 39,021.00	\$201,379.00
6/30/2007	3	\$ 7,867.30	\$ 39,732.70	\$161,646.30
12/28/2007	4		\$ 47,600.00	\$114,046.30
6/30/2008	5	\$ 5,502.03	\$ 42,097.98	\$ 71,948.32
6/30/2009	6	\$ 2,841.95	\$ 44,758.05	\$ 27,190.27
6/30/2010	7	\$ 1,074.01	\$ 27,190.27	\$ 0

\$25,864.29 \$288,000.00

The total payback was originally projected to be \$333,198.36. By making the first payment early and an additional payment this year, we are projecting that the total payback will be \$313,864.29. This amounts to a total savings, in interest, of \$19,334.07.



ANNUAL REPORT - 2007

Headwaters Subcommittee

of the Connecticut River Joint Commissions

This year the Headwaters Subcommittee completed a new and expanded water resources chapter of the *Connecticut River Management Plan*, focusing on the many environmental and economic benefits of keeping floodplains free of development and vegetated riparian buffers along riverbanks to keep them stable, block debris, shade the water, and filter pollutants from runoff.

We have helped spread the word about Didymo, the newly discovered invasive alga in our region, and urge all anglers and boaters to clean their gear carefully to avoid spreading this pest.

The Subcommittee provides information and assistance to the states, towns, and landowners on projects near the river. We encourage towns to consider our *Plan* and to incorporate its recommendations when updating town plans and revising zoning ordinances.

Citizens who wish to represent the town should contact the selectmen. The Subcommittee is advisory and has no regulatory authority. The public is welcome at our meetings on the first Wednesday evening of every other month at the Columbia or Colebrook Town Hall. A calendar, more about Didymo, advice on bank erosion and obtaining permits for work near the river, the *Connecticut River Management Plan* and much more are on the web at www.crjc.org.

Bill Schomburg and Ken Hastings, Columbia representatives to the Headwaters Subcommittee

CONNECTICUT RIVER JOINT COMMISSIONS

This year the Connecticut River Joint Commissions (CRJC) issued a new Riverwide Overview for water resources in the watershed. Look for a presentation in your area in 2008. We cooperated with Vermont and New Hampshire agencies in responding to the discovery of Didymo in the Headwaters, and hosted Governor Jim Douglas for Vermont's Clean and Clear Water Action Day. We also helped guide the new conservation plan for the Conte Refuge, supporting the public's original vision, and worked to stem erosion at the Colebrook Business Park.

In 2007 CRJC considered issues as wide-ranging as the operation of hydro dams on the Connecticut River, silver maple floodplain forest health, mercury emissions, and Important Bird Areas.

CRJC supports efforts to safeguard the valley's natural, agricultural, and historic assets, and is working with businesses and the states to strengthen the local base for tourism through the Connecticut River Byway. In 2007 we worked with Colebrook, Lancaster, and other towns on a signage plan for the Byway. Look for new signs in 2008. Visit the Byway at www.ctrivetravel.net.

Appointed by the legislatures of New Hampshire and Vermont to guide growth and development in the watershed, the CRJC are advisory and have no regulatory powers, preferring instead to ensure greater public involvement in decisions that affect the river region. We welcome the public to our meetings on the last Monday of every other month. Visit our web site for a calendar of events, useful information and links, and our newsletters, *River Valley News* and *River Byway News*.

for an electronic copy of this report, please contact
Adair Mulligan at 603-795-2104 or adair.mulligan@crjc.org.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

On the following pages, is my report for the year ending December 31, 2007, along with a list of uncollected taxes as of that date. While it may seem that the list grows longer every year, in reality we continue to collect between 90 and 95% of our property taxes before going to the property tax lien stage. I think that this speaks well for the people of Columbia who obviously take their responsibility to support the Town, County and School seriously.

If, in these hard economic times, anyone is having trouble paying their taxes, please let me know. The Town is always willing to work out a payment arrangement, which will benefit both the taxpayer and Town. Rest assured that these matters will be handled in a confidential manner.

Garry R. Parkhurst
Tax Collector

“I don't suppose that we will ever get to the point where people are pleased to pay taxes, but we owe it to them to see that the collection is done as efficiently as possible, as courteously as possible, and always honestly.”

Lyndon B. Johnson

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
SUMMARY OF TAX ACCOUNTS
JANUARY 1, 2007 - DECEMBER 31, 2007

DEBITS

*** Levies of ***
2006

Uncollected Taxes - 1/1/2007:

Property	\$	63,113.34
Land Use Change	\$	1,050.00
Yield	\$	7,962.26

Taxes Committed:

Property	\$	1,281,549.00
Land Use Change	\$	24,730.00
Yield	\$	19,538.26
Excavation	\$	1,170.26

Overpayment:

Remaining from last year	\$	277.25	
New This Fiscal Year	\$	1,547.42	
Interest - Late Taxes	\$	959.11	\$ 4,561.17

TOTAL DEBITS:	\$	1,329,771.30	\$	76,686.77
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CREDITS

Remitted to Treasurer:

Property Taxes	\$ 1,202,634.25	\$ 31,691.12
Land Use Change	\$ 18,135.12	
Yield	\$ 17,881.20	\$ 7,249.18
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd.	\$ 1,170.26	
Interest & Penalties	\$ 959.11	\$ 4,561.17
Conversion to Lien		\$ 32,472.22
Prior Year Overpayments		
Assigned	\$ 277.25	

Abatements:

Property Taxes	\$ 606.00	
Land Use Change	\$ 128.22	
Yield Tax	\$ 129.00	\$ 713.08

Uncollected Taxes - 12/31/2007

Property	\$ 78,308.75
Land Use Change	\$ 6,466.66
Yield	\$ 1,528.06
Remaining Overpayments -	
This Year	\$ 1,040.42
This Year's Overpayments -	
Returned	\$ 507.00

TOTAL CREDITS:	\$ 1,329,771.30	\$ 76,686.77
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SUMMARY OF TAX LIEN ACCOUNTS
JANUARY 1, 2007 - DECEMBER 31, 2007

		DEBITS		
		2006	2005	2004
Unredeemed Lien Balance -				
1/1/2007:		\$	16,753.43	\$ 4,955.96
Liens Executed During Year:	\$	35,336.53		
Interest & Costs Collected:	\$	863.54	\$ 1,947.10	\$ 1,846.33
TOTAL DEBITS:	\$	36,200.07	\$ 18,700.53	\$ 6,802.29

		CREDITS		
Redemptions:	\$	14,036.31	\$ 7,051.42	\$ 4,955.96
Interest & Costs Collected:	\$	863.54	\$ 1,947.10	\$ 1,846.33
Unredeemed Lien Balance -				
12/31/2007	\$	21,300.22	\$ 9,702.01	\$0.00
TOTAL CREDITS:	\$	36,200.07	\$ 18,700.53	\$ 6,802.29

UNPAID TAXES

UNCOLLECTED 2007 PROPERTY TAXES:

	1st Issue	2nd Issue
Bailey, James		\$ 145.00 *
Blanda, Beth-Ann		\$ 605.00
Bodge, Joseph D.	\$ 30.00	\$ 43.00
Boisvert, Quinton D.		\$ 832.00 *
Brady, Christopher & Joyce		\$ 824.77
Burns, Robert K., Jr. & Susan		\$ 1,297.00 *
Busfield, J. Scott		\$ 474.00
Campbell, Donald & Stacey		\$ 12.00 *
Campbell, Donald & Stacey		\$ 1,190.00 *
Campbell, Donald & Stacey		\$ 21.00 *
Caron, Dana		\$ 53.00 *
Cass, Charles, et als	\$ 126.00	\$ 139.00
Cass, Jacqueline		\$ 443.00 *
Cass, Kevin M.	\$ 11.00	\$ 22.00
Cass, Kevin M.	\$ 248.00	\$ 284.00
Cass, Stephen & Regina		\$ 86.00 *
Castmin Realty LLC		\$ 142.00 *
Chapple, Francis & Patricia		\$ 1,033.00 *
Chapple, Nancy	\$ 540.00	\$ 598.00 *
Chase, Mark	\$ 299.03	\$ 410.00 *
Chubbuck, Kevin		\$ 142.00 *
Crevier, Roger J.	\$ 442.00	\$ 498.00
Davis, Donald		\$ 664.00
Davis, Edward W.	\$ 363.00	\$ 411.00
Davis-Stockman, Dorothy		\$ 520.00 *
DeBlois, Scott & Debra		\$ 830.00 *
DeBlois, Scott & Debra		\$ 1,414.00 *
Donnell, James & Rita		\$ 291.14 *
Donovan, Robert & Barbara		\$ 1,221.00
Dunn, William L.		\$ 327.00 *
Dupont, Ronald C.		\$ 1,014.00
Elliott, James & Lisa		\$ 331.94
Falcucci, Angelo & Carmelina	\$ 181.00	\$ 200.00
Falcucci, Angelo & Carmelina	\$ 12.00	\$ 14.00
Fedrick, Claire		\$ 242.00 *
Fellbaum, Ralph et als		\$ 136.00 *

UNPAID TAXES

	1st Issue	2nd Issue
Feltham, Richard		\$ 200.00
Gamache, Ricky		\$ 196.07 *
Gardner, Kristin		\$ 17.00 *
Gevais, Michael		\$ 166.00
Gosselin, Albe & Marie	\$ 23.51	\$ 618.00
Green, Douglas		\$ 1,129.00
Hall, Diane		\$ 743.00
Hamel, Derek R. & Raymond	\$ 806.00	\$ 901.00
Hand, Dean & Rose	\$ 199.00	\$ 220.00
Harriman, Maurice		\$ 268.00
Hasting, Kenneth & Lori		\$ 819.00 *
Heath, Joseph & Mary		\$ 915.00 *
Heirs of Rickey Burnham	\$ 552.00	\$ 622.00
Hope, James		\$ 195.00 *
Hope, James		\$ 218.90 *
Howland, Pamela	\$ 253.00	\$ 289.00
Hrycuna-Perron, Anastasia, et als	\$ 196.00	\$ 226.00
Hyatt Realty Trust		\$ 447.00 *
Johonnett, Frances	\$ 531.00	\$ 587.00
Kennett, Angela & Rolfe, Jeremy	\$ 56.00	\$ 87.00
Kenney, Evelyn Haynes et als		\$ 72.52 *
Kopp, Shawn M.		\$ 2.00 *
Ladd, Jeremy		\$ 277.00
Lamontagne, Gilles, P.	\$ 480.00	\$ 541.00
Lanciani, Kevin P. & Wendy	\$ 329.32	\$ 856.00
Lanciani, Kevin P. & Wendy		\$ 220.00
Laros, Charles		\$ 965.00
Lawton, Ronald & Maryann	\$ 516.00	\$ 857.00
Leavenworth, Michelle & Lesperance, Billy	\$ 10.00	\$ 21.00
Leavenworth, Ronald & Michelle	\$ 87.00	\$ 121.00
Leavenworth, Ronald & Michelle	\$ 107.00	\$ 124.00
Lentz, Dennis E.		\$ 10.00 *
Limoges, Karen A.	\$ 1,422.00	\$ 1,583.00
Locke, Daniel P.	\$ 1,080.00	\$ 1,201.00
Locke, Daniel P. et als	\$ 251.00	\$ 277.00
Long, Martha		\$ 895.00 *
Long, Martha		\$ 217.00 *

UNPAID TAXES

	1st Issue	2nd Issue
Lynch, Dana R.	\$ 93.00	\$ 112.00
MacLure, Robert & Wendy	\$ 563.00	\$ 633.00
Marcotte, Russell L.	\$ 473.00	\$ 553.00
Marrone, Joseph A.	\$ 245.00	\$ 270.00
McKennes, John J.	\$ 439.92	\$ 1,150.00
McKinnon, Barbara A.		\$ 939.56
Miles, Richard		\$ 471.00
Mills, Arlene M.	\$ 2,098.00	\$ 292.00
Mills, Arlene M.	\$ 24.00	\$ 2,331.00
Mills, Arlene M.	\$ 256.00	\$ 37.00
Mills, Ellen E.	\$ 717.00	\$ 804.00
Mills, Laura		\$ 729.00 *
Mitchell, Eric B.		\$ 971.00
Moren, Lawrence V. Jr., et als	\$ 354.00	\$ 402.00
Nash, Susan	\$ 13.00	\$ 14.00 *
Nash, Susan	\$ 355.00	\$ 455.00 *
Nimblett, Michael		\$ 131.00 *
Nugent, Peter		\$ 417.00 *
Nugent, Peter		\$ 146.00 *
Nugent, Peter		\$ 154.00 *
Nugent, Peter		\$ 314.00 *
O'Hara, Brian & Judith		\$ 179.00 *
O'Hara, Brian & Judith		\$ 212.00 *
O'Hara, Brian & Judith		\$ 150.00 *
Oldham, David G.		\$ 360.00 *
Osgood, Frederick M., Jr.		\$ 1,630.00 *
Pageot, Jennifer		\$ 558.00 *
Paquette, Melanie		\$ 531.00 *
Rainville, Roberta	\$ 1,189.00	\$ 1,330.00
Rainville, Roberta	\$ 11.43	\$ 36.00
Rainville, Rodney	\$ 117.00	\$ 140.00
Rella Paul M. & Valerie	\$ 94.00	\$ 114.00
Rella Paul M. & Valerie	\$ 45.00	\$ 59.00
Reynolds, Daniel J.	\$ 48.00	\$ 63.00
Richer, Brian & Diane	\$ 94.00	\$ 104.00
Riley, Francis & Noel		\$ 948.00
Rist, Harold		\$ 124.00 *
Sabbia, Philip		\$ 354.00 *

UNPAID TAXES

	1st Issue	2nd Issue	
Santacroce, B.L.		\$ 739.00	
Santacroce, B.L.		\$ 1,006.00	
Santamore, Dennis & Nancy		\$ 70.00	*
Secret Order of Water Buffalo		\$ 631.00	
Shain, Daniel		\$ 11.00	*
Smith, Kenneth W.	\$ 775.00	\$ 857.00	*
Smith, Valerie & Abbott, Steven	\$ 651.00	\$ 730.00	
Tessier, Amy Sue		\$ 1,114.00	*
Transedge Energy, LP		\$ 1,526.00	*
Venezia, Brenda		\$ 434.00	
Venezia, Brenda		\$ 128.00	*
Wegener, Steven		\$ 380.00	
Whittier, Heather	\$ 160.00	\$ 187.00	
York, Robert	\$ 137.00	\$ 161.00	
2007 TOTALS	\$ 18,103.21	\$ 60,204.90	

UNCOLLECTED 2007 YIELD TAXES:

Lee, Robert, et als	\$591.21
Lee, Robert, et als	\$794.61
Mills, Ellen E.	\$142.24

TOTAL	\$1,528.06
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UNCOLLECTED 2007 LAND USE CHANGE TAXES:

Blanda, Beth-Ann	\$2,594.88
Shimkus, Michael & Joanne	\$3,871.78 *

TOTAL	\$6,466.66
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UNPAID TAXES

UNCOLLECTED PROPERTY TAX LIENS:

LEVY OF 2006

Cass, Charles, et als	\$	111.63
Cass, Kevin M.	\$	348.61
Crevier, Roger J.	\$	293.55
Feltham, Richard P.	\$	531.16
Hamel, Raymond P. & Derek R.	\$	1,735.78
Heirs of Rickey Burnham	\$	1,204.00
Howland, Pamela	\$	335.71 *
Hrycuna-Perron, Anastasia, et als	\$	514.21
Johonnett, Frances	\$	1,148.57
Lamontagne, Gilles P.	\$	130.94 *
Lawton, Ronald & Maryann	\$	1,643.58
Leavenworth, Michelle & Lesperence, Billy	\$	66.91
Leavenworth, Ronald & Michelle	\$	270.42
Limoges, Karen	\$	3,027.06
Locke, Daniel P.	\$	2,276.39
Locke, Daniel P. & Jacqueline	\$	561.16
Lynch, Dana R.	\$	240.53
MacLure, Robert J. & Wendy	\$	1,216.76
Marrone, Joseph A.	\$	558.87
Mills, Arlene M.	\$	1,280.47
Mills, Ellen	\$	1,550.12
Moren, Lawrence V., Jr. et als	\$	44.08
Reynolds, Daniel J. (1/2 interest)	\$	136.33
Smith, Valerie & Abbott, Steven	\$	1,410.59
Whittier, Heather	\$	330.48
York, Robert	\$	332.31
2006 TOTALS	\$	21,300.22

UNPAID TAXES

LEVY OF 2005:

Feltham, Richard P.	\$	488.69	*
Hamel, Derek & Raymond	\$	1,519.99	
Heirs of Rickey Burnham	\$	871.14	
Hrycuna-Perron, Anastasia, et als	\$	218.30	*
Limoges, Karen A.	\$	2,000.00	
Locke, Daniel P., et als	\$	497.81	*
Locke, Daniel & Jacqueline	\$	1,991.95	*
Lynch, Dana R.	\$	111.35	
MacLure, Robert J. & Wendy	\$	1,075.11	
Marrone, Joseph A.	\$	11.16	
Mills, Ellen E.	\$	596.81	*
Reynolds, Daniel J.	\$	123.38	
Smith, Valerie & Abbott, Steven	\$	32.94	
York, Robert	\$	163.38	*
	\$	9,702.01	

***INDICATES AMOUNTS PAID AFTER 12/31/2007.**

PLANNING BOARD REPORT

We received a total of **56** building permit applications:

- 1 camper during construction
- 3 garages
- 17 additions (i.e., additions, decks, porches)
- 2 mobile homes (both in parks)
- 7 residential (frame or modular)
- 1 asphalt plant (Pike Industries)
- 1 office building
- 4 barns
- 19 storage buildings/sheds
- 1 greenhouse

We also processed applications for **2 minor** subdivisions and **1** lot line adjustment.

Fees collected were:

- Subdivision fees	\$1,046.48
- Building permit fees	\$ 962.00
- After the Fact penalties	\$ 105.00
Total Remitted to Treasurer:	\$2,113.48

Joanne Shimkus, Secretary
Planning Board

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Board of Selectmen,
Columbia, New Hampshire:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, the aggregate remaining fund information, and fiduciary fund information of Town of Columbia as of and for the year ended December 31, 2006, which collectively compose the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of Town of Columbia's management. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinions.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, the aggregate remaining fund information, and fiduciary fund information of Town of Columbia as of December 31, 2006, and the respective changes in financial position thereof, and the budgetary comparison for the general fund for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Management's discussion and analysis on pages two through six is not a required part of the basic financial statements but is supplementary information required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively compose Town of Columbia's basic financial statements. The combining non-major fund financial statements presented in Schedules 1 and 2 are supplemental information required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United State of America. Schedules 3 and 4 are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. The information in Schedules 1 through 4 has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

Crane & Bell, PLLC

September 24, 2007

**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
TOWN OF COLUMBIA
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2006**

Presented here is Management's Discussion and Analysis for Town of Columbia for the year ended December 31, 2006. Responsibility for both the accuracy of the data, and the completeness and fairness of this presentation (including all disclosures) rests with management. To the best of our knowledge and belief, the data contained herein are accurate in all material respects. This information is reported in a manner designed to fairly present the Town's financial position and the results of operations of the Town's various funds. All disclosures necessary to enable the reader to gain an accurate understanding of the Town's financial activities have been included.

The Selectboard is responsible for establishing an accounting and internal control structure designed to ensure that the physical, informational, intellectual, and human resource assets of the Town are protected from loss, theft, and misuse, and to ensure that adequate accounting information is maintained and reported in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). Management also strives to ensure that these assets are put to good and effective use. The internal control structure is designed to provide reasonable assurance that these objectives are attained.

Overview of the Financial Statements

The financial statements presented herein include all of the activities of the Town using the integrated approach as prescribed by GASB Statement 34.

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the Town's financial statements. The basic financial statements consist of three components:

1. Government-wide financial statements
2. Fund financial statements
3. Notes to the basic financial statements

Government-Wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the Town's finances, in a manner similar to most private-sector companies.

The statement of net assets presents information on all of the Town's assets and liabilities, with the difference between the two reported as net assets. Over time, increases and decreases in net assets may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the Town is improving or deteriorating.

The statement of activities presents information showing how the government's net assets changed during the most recent fiscal year. All changes in net assets are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Thus revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future periods (for example, uncollected taxes or unpaid amounts due to suppliers).

The government-wide financial statements reflect functions of the Town that are principally supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues. The governmental activities of the Town include, among others, general government, public safety, and highway maintenance and construction.

The government-wide financial statements can be found on pages 7 and 8 of this report.

Fund Financial Statements

A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The Town uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. All of the funds of the Town can be divided into two categories: governmental funds and fiduciary funds.

Governmental funds are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. However, unlike the government-wide financial statements, governmental fund financial statements focus on near-term inflows and outflows of spendable resources, as well as on balances of spendable resources available at the end of the fiscal year. Such information may be useful in evaluating the Town's near-term financing requirements.

Because the focus of governmental funds is narrower than that of the government-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for governmental funds with similar information presented for governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. By doing so, readers may better understand the long-term impact of the government's near-term financing decisions. Both the governmental fund balance sheet and the statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balance provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison between governmental funds and governmental activities.

The Town maintains numerous individual governmental funds. Information is presented separately in the governmental fund balance sheet and the statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balance for the general fund and parsonage capital project fund, which are considered major funds. Data from the other governmental funds are combined into a single, aggregate presentation.

The Town adopts an annual appropriation budget for its general fund. A budgetary comparison has been provided for the general fund to demonstrate compliance with the budget.

The basic governmental fund financial statements can be found on pages 9 to 13 of this report.

Fiduciary funds are used to account for resources held for the benefit of parties outside of the Town government. Fiduciary funds are not reflected in the government-wide financial statements because the resources of those funds are not available to support the Town's own programs.

The basic fiduciary fund financial statement can be found on page 14 of this report.

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements

The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements. The notes to the financial statements can be found on pages 15 to 25 of this report.

Other information

In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report also presents certain required supplementary information (combining non-major fund balance sheet and statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in net assets found on page 26 to 28 of this report) and other supplemental information that is not required (statement of estimated and actual revenues for the general fund, and statement of appropriations, expenditures and encumbrances for the general fund, found on pages 29 to 32 of this report).

Government-Wide Financial Analysis

The Town's overall financial position and results of operations for the past two years are summarized below based on the information included in the current and prior financial statements.

Statement of Net Assets

The Town's total assets at December 31, 2006, were \$4.20 million, a decrease of \$2,742 or .06% from December 31, 2005. Capital asset additions include \$28,396 for the completion of the town building, with an increase of \$140,894 in depreciation for all capital assets.

	Governmental Activities	
	2006	2005
Current and other assets:		
Current and other assets	\$ 874,392	\$ 764,636
Capital assets, net of depreciation	3,330,254	3,442,752
Total assets	<u>4,204,646</u>	<u>4,207,388</u>
Current and other liabilities:		
Current liabilities	682,110	527,387
Long-term liabilities	161,562	201,357
Total liabilities	<u>843,672</u>	<u>728,744</u>
Net assets:		
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	3,128,897	3,202,352
Permanently restricted	3,003	3,003
Temporarily restricted for -		
Capital acquisition and construction	28,350	59,321
Culture and recreation	1,019	1,014
Public Safety	-	14,922
Cemetery care	21,657	21,100
Unrestricted	<u>178,048</u>	<u>176,932</u>
Total net assets	<u>\$3,360,974</u>	<u>\$3,478,644</u>

The largest component of net assets, \$3,128,897, represents (i) the Town's investment in capital assets (e.g., land, buildings, vehicles and equipment) at cost or their estimated original cost, less accumulated depreciation, less (ii) long-term debt related to acquisition of capital assets.

An additional \$3,003 of net assets represents permanently restricted funds. By the terms of the gifts, bequests, and trusts that gave rise to these funds, the permanently restricted portion may not be expended, but must be held in perpetuity to generate income for specific use by the Town in caring for local cemeteries.

Temporarily restricted net assets represent funds set aside by the Town in capital reserve for future acquisition of capital assets, or funds designated for other specific purposes.

Unrestricted net assets are available to meet the Town's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors.

Statement of Activities

Governmental activities decreased the Town's net assets by \$117,670 during 2006, as shown in the summarized statement of activities presented below.

	Governmental Activities	
	2006	2005
Program revenues:		
Charges for services	\$ 385	\$ 842
Operating grants and contributions	35,820	52,706
Capital grants and contributions	-	-
Total program revenues	<u>36,205</u>	<u>53,548</u>
General revenues:		
Taxes, licenses and fees	268,606	257,805
Other grants	42,952	36,661
All other revenues	11,489	33,239
Total general revenues	<u>323,047</u>	<u>327,705</u>
Total revenues	<u>359,252</u>	<u>381,253</u>
Program expenses:		
General government	112,876	98,891
Public safety	33,724	16,022
Highways and streets	141,546	143,693
Solid waste	24,537	24,681
Health and welfare	10,785	8,614
Culture and recreation	2,975	2,975
Interest expense	9,585	2,907
Depreciation expense	140,894	136,935
Total expenses	<u>476,922</u>	<u>434,718</u>
Change in net assets	(117,670)	(53,465)
Net assets, beginning of year	<u>3,478,644</u>	<u>3,532,109</u>
Net assets, end of year	<u>\$ 3,360,974</u>	<u>\$ 3,478,644</u>

The decrease in net assets from governmental activities of \$117,670 reflects (i) a decision by the Board of Selectmen to use \$76,649 of unrestricted net assets to help reduce the tax rate and (ii) \$46,200 of beginning fund balance encumbered to complete the town building construction and to provide emergency training and supplies from 2005 emergency grant monies.

Significant variations in revenues between years are summarized as follows:

- The decrease in operating grants and contributions is due to a one time \$15,000 emergency grant received in 2005 from the State of New Hampshire.
- Increase in taxes, licenses and fees is mainly attributed to an approximately \$15,000 increase in land use change tax. Land use change tax increases are due to property taken out of current use and therefore assessed a penalty.
- Decrease in all other revenues is attributed to a \$25,000 sale of tax deeded property in 2005, with no sale of property in 2006.

Significant variations in expenses between years are summarized as follows:

- Increase in general government is attributed to a decision to contract the assessing company to perform quarterly valuation updates and also due to the opening of the new town building which created additional costs for plowing, heat, electricity and other building costs.
- Increase in public safety is due to the purchase of emergency supplies and equipment from the 2005 encumbered emergency grant monies.
- Increase in interest expense is due to the beginning of payment in 2006 on the town building loan.

Financial analysis of the Town's funds

Governmental funds. The focus of the Town's governmental funds is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows, and balances of spendable resources. Such information is useful in assessing the Town's financing requirements. In particular, unreserved fund balance may serve as a useful measure of a government's net resources available for spending at the end of the fiscal year.

At the end of 2006, unreserved fund balance of \$228,183 was available for spending at the Town's discretion. Substantially all of the remaining fund balance is reserved for specific purposes – such as capital acquisition for amounts segregated in capital reserve funds – or is permanently restricted as principal used to generate future earnings for use by the Town.

General fund budgetary highlights

Actual revenues earned by the general fund in 2006 exceeded amounts budgeted by \$69,421, as shown in Exhibit E of the basic financial statements. The major components of this favorable variance were:

- Greater than anticipated tax revenue totaling \$36,000
- Greater than anticipated motor vehicle permit fees of \$24,000

Actual expenditures incurred by the general fund in 2006 were less than amounts budgeted by \$9,369, as shown in Exhibit E of the basis financial statements. The major component of this favorable variance was less than anticipated highway expenditures.

Contacting Town's Financial Management

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens and creditors with a general overview of the Town's finances and to demonstrate fiscal accountability. If you have questions about this report or need additional information, contact the Board of Selectmen at Columbia town office, P.O. Box 157, Columbia, New Hampshire 03576, or call (603) 237-5255.

RESIDENT MARRIAGE REPORT JANUARY 1, 2007 - DECEMBER 31, 2007

DATE	GROOM'S NAME	GROOM'S RESIDENCE	BRIDE'S NAME	BRIDE'S RESIDENCE	PLACE OF MARRIAGE
12/15/2007	Cloutier, David A.	Columbia, NH	Twofoot, Melissa A.	Columbia, NH	Stewartstown, NH

RESIDENT BIRTH REPORT JANUARY 1, 2007 - DECEMBER 31, 2007

DATE OF CHILD'S BIRTH	CHILD'S NAME	PLACE OF BIRTH	FATHER'S NAME	MOTHER'S NAME
4/4/2007	Caulier, Dartanyan Earl	Lebanon, NH	Caulier, Lucas	Lampron, Amanda

RESIDENT DEATH REPORT

JANUARY 1, 2007 - DECEMBER 31, 2007

DATE OF DECEDENT'S DEATH	DECEDENT'S NAME	PLACE OF DEATH	FATHER'S NAME	MOTHER'S NAME
3/4/2007	Poisson, Robert	Colebrook, NH	Poisson, William	Sylvester, Bella
4/1/2007	Durette, Clara	Colebrook, NH	Drake, Leroy	Lindsley, Dorothy
4/3/2007	Brooks, Howard	Colebrook, NH	Brooks, Harold	McConnell, Marion
6/6/2007	Foss, Frederic	Colebrook, NH	Foss, Arthur	Williams, Naomi
6/23/2007	Chapple, Francis	Colebrook, NH	Chapple, Francis	Washburn, Mary
9/5/2007	Desaindes, Norman	Colebrook, NH	Desaindes, Dorila	Charest, Rolande
12/9/2007	Rodimon, Warren	Lancaster, NH	Rodimon, Vernon Sr.	Lunden, Olga

**REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF COLUMBIA
FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2007**

DATE OF CREATION	NAME OF TRUST FUND ID	PURPOSE OF FUND	HOW INVESTED	BEGINNING BALANCE	NEW FUNDS CREATED	*****PRINCIPAL*****			INCOME DURING YEAR	EXPENDED DURING YEAR	ENDING BALANCE	GRAND TOTAL PRINCIPAL AND INCOME
						WITHDRAWALS	ENDING BALANCE					
1/27/1933	Ellen Cleveland Cemetery Fund	Cemetery	Savings #3340-618326	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.64	\$0.64	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
8/29/1953	Mrs. Warren Marshall Cemetery Fund	Cemetery	Savings #3340-618326	\$75.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$75.00	\$0.48	\$0.48	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$75.00
3/4/1946	Mary Walker Cemetery Fund	Cemetery	Savings #3340-618326	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$400.00	\$2.61	\$2.61	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$400.00
11/23/1988	Hattie Chamberlain Cemetery Fund	Cemetery	Savings #211-5603	\$228.54	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$228.54	\$1.17	\$1.17	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$228.54
7/8/1998	Percy H. Titus Cemetery Fund	Cemetery	Savings #211-5603	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$4.95	\$4.95	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
2/6/1938	Thomas Wallace Cemetery Fund	Cemetery	Savings #205-0579	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$4.98	\$4.98	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
9/30/1946	Henry Forristall Cemetery Fund	Cemetery	Savings #204-8973	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
12/27/2000	Cemetery Maintenance Fund	Cemetery	Savings #216-4493	\$21,656.58	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$21,756.58	\$108.03	\$108.03	\$0.00	\$108.03	\$21,864.61
1/18/1997	Town History Fund	Town History	Savings #212-4221	\$1,018.91	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$518.91	\$4.93	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4.93	\$523.84
1/21/2003	Columbia School District	Tuition	CD #12112	\$87,283.98	\$15,037.36	\$0.00	\$102,321.34	\$4,421.97	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,421.97	\$106,743.31
10/16/2002	Columbia Covered Bridge Fund	Repairs	Savings #217-1817	\$7,543.70	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,543.70	\$37.57	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$37.57	\$7,581.27
12/14/2004	Road Improvement Fund	Roads	CD #20669	\$20,807.44	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$20,807.44	\$406.69	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$406.69	\$21,214.13
12/22/2005	Columbia School District	Tuition	Savings #219-5501	\$10,001.36	\$0.00	\$10,001.36	\$0.00	\$36.40	\$36.40	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
				\$151,315.51	\$15,137.36	\$10,501.36	\$155,951.51	\$5,031.42	\$52.23	\$4,979.19	\$160,930.70	

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SCHOOL OFFICIALS
OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF
COLUMBIA, N H
2006 – 2007



ANNUAL MEETING DATE:

*Tuesday, March 11, 2008
approximately 8:00 pm
(immediately following Town Meeting)
Columbia Town Hall*

2006 – 2007

Report of

COLUMBIA SCHOOL DISTRICT

OFFICERS

MODERATOR

Robert Gooch

CLERK

Jennifer Wells

TREASURER

Jennifer Wells

SCHOOL BOARD

Kay Soucy

Lisa M. Placy-Brooks, Chairman

Karen Riendeau

Term Expires 2008

Term Expires 2009

Term Expires 2010

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Robert C. Mills

BUSINESS MANAGER

Cheryl A. Covill

COORDINATOR OF SPECIAL SERVICES

Theresa M. Lord

Any person with a physical disability who needs assistance to attend the school district meeting and/or needs assistance while at the school district meeting is to contact school board member Lisa Placy-Brooks, phone #237-4853.

**COLUMBIA SCHOOL DISTRICT
WARRANT
The State of New Hampshire**

To the Inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Columbia qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said District on Tuesday, the 11th day of March 2008 immediately following the Town Meeting, to act upon the following subjects: (Polls will be open from 11:00 am to 6:00 pm)

1. To bring in your ballots for the election of School District Officers to be elected by ballot for the ensuing year(s).
2. To determine the salaries of the School Board and fix the compensation of any other officers or agents of the District.
3. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees or Officers chosen and pass any vote relating thereto.
4. Shall the School District vote pursuant to RSA 198:20-c (VI), to authorize the School Board to accept privately-donated gifts, legacies and devises for school purposes without further action by the School District with this authority to continue indefinitely until rescinded.
5. To see if the district will vote to authorize the School Board to include in the SAU #7 budget the position of a part-time Human Resource/Personnel Clerk, per RSA 194-C:9; to be effective July 1, 2009.
6. To see if the school district will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to be added to the Tuition Expendable Trust Fund previously established. The school board recommends this appropriation. (Majority vote required)
7. To see if the district will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One million, four hundred sixteen thousand, seven hundred seventeen dollars (\$1,416,717.00) for the support of schools, for the payment of salaries for the school district officials and agents, and for the payment for the statutory obligations of the District. The school board recommends this appropriation. This article does not include appropriation in warrant articles # 6. (Majority vote required)
8. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands at said Columbia, the 13th day of February 2008

LISA M. PLACY-BROOKS, Chairman
KAREN RIENDEAU
KAY SOUCY
Columbia School Board

A True Copy of Warrant – Attest:

LISA M. PLACY-BROOKS, Chairman
KAREN RIENDEAU
KAY SOUCY
Columbia School Board

COLUMBIA SCHOOL DISTRICT 2008 - 2009 PROPOSED BUDGET						FOOT- NOTES
EXPENDITURES	2006 - 2007 BUDGET	2006 - 2007 EXPENDED	2007 - 2008 BUDGET	2008 - 2009 PROPOSED BUDGET	VARIANCE	
1100 REGULAR EDUCATION						A
561 TUITION IN STATE	1,123,718.00	978,502.06	1,147,437.00	1,119,183.00	(28,254.00)	
Total REGULAR EDUCATION	1,123,718.00	978,502.06	1,147,437.00	1,119,183.00	(28,254.00)	
1200 SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS						
114 CLASSROOM ASSISTANT'S SALARY	0.00	1,678.41	0.00	0.00	0.00	
220 SOCIAL SECURITY TAX	0.00	128.40	0.00	0.00	0.00	
323 CONTRACTED SERVICES	54,488.00	58,133.71	88,979.00	60,327.00	(28,652.00)	B
562 OUT OF STATE TUITION	100.00	0.00	100.00	100.00	0.00	
569 TUITION - PRIVATE	13,860.00	9,803.00	26,400.00	41,340.00	14,940.00	C
Total SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS	68,448.00	69,743.52	115,479.00	101,767.00	(13,712.00)	
1380 VOCATIONAL PROGRAM						D
562 OUT OF DISTRICT TUITION	100.00	0.00	100.00	6,000.00	5,900.00	
Total VOCATIONAL PROGRAM	100.00	0.00	100.00	6,000.00	5,900.00	
2140 PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES						E
323 PUPIL SERVICES	5,400.00	1,750.00	5,400.00	3,800.00	(1,600.00)	
Total PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES	5,400.00	1,750.00	5,400.00	3,800.00	(1,600.00)	
2150 SPEECH PATHOLOGY						
260 WORKERS' COMPENSATION	152.00	152.00	183.00	137.00	(46.00)	
323 CONTRACTED SERVICES	18,993.00	29,438.70	22,918.00	17,141.00	(5,777.00)	
580 TRAVEL	0.00	439.57	0.00	380.00	380.00	
Total SPEECH PATHOLOGY	19,145.00	30,030.27	23,101.00	17,658.00	(5,443.00)	F
2160 PHYSICAL/OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY						
260 WORKERS' COMPENSATION	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	0.00	
323 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	11,037.00	9,700.80	18,981.00	15,971.00	(3,010.00)	G
Total PHYSICAL/OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY	11,137.00	9,800.80	19,081.00	16,071.00	(3,010.00)	

EXPENDITURES	2006 - 2007		2006 - 2007		2007 - 2008		2008 - 2009		FOOT- NOTES
	BUDGET	EXPENDED	BUDGET	VARIANCE	BUDGET	EXPENDED	BUDGET	VARIANCE	
2190 OTHER SUPPORTING SERVICES									
323 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	4,285.00	778.63	4,295.00	(629.00)	3,666.00				
324 CONTRACTED SERVICE	25.00	0.00	25.00	0.00	25.00				
580 TRAVEL	30.00	80.99	30.00	6.00	36.00				
Total OTHER SUPPORTING SERVICES	4,340.00	859.62	4,350.00	(623.00)	3,727.00				
2310 SCHOOL BOARD SERVICES									
110 SALARIES	1,125.00	1,150.00	1,150.00	0.00	1,150.00				
220 FICA TAX	88.00	87.98	90.00	0.00	90.00				
260 WORKERS' COMPENSATION	196.00	164.00	196.00	0.00	196.00				
330 OTHER PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	1,800.00	0.00	3,500.00	0.00	3,500.00				
520 INSURANCE	925.00	886.00	925.00	0.00	925.00				
540 ADVERTISING	500.00	475.74	500.00	0.00	500.00				
580 TRAVEL	50.00	0.00	50.00	0.00	50.00				
610 SUPPLIES	0.00	58.67	0.00	0.00	0.00				
641 BOOKS	0.00	51.73	0.00	0.00	0.00				
810 DUES & FEES	2,255.00	1,809.16	1,852.00	44.00	1,896.00				
890 OTHER EXPENSES	150.00	0.00	150.00	0.00	150.00				
Total SCHOOL BOARD SERVICES	7,089.00	4,683.28	8,413.00	44.00	8,457.00				
2321 OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT									
319 APPROPRIATIONS	30,576.00	30,576.08	33,966.00	2,615.00	36,581.00				
Total OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT	30,576.00	30,576.08	33,966.00	2,615.00	36,581.00				H
2329 ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES									
580 COORDINATOR'S TRAVEL	175.00	0.00	175.00	(75.00)	100.00				
Total ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	175.00	0.00	175.00	(75.00)	100.00				
2721 TRANSPORTATION - TO/FROM SCHOOL									
260 WORKER'S COMPENSATION	1,500.00	0.00	100.00	(100.00)	0.00				
511 OTHER ORGANIZATIONS	100.00	0.00	100.00	(100.00)	0.00				
519 OTHER ORGANIZATIONS	75,000.00	68,900.00	76,700.00	(2,257.00)	74,443.00				
Total TRANSPORTATION - TO/FROM SCHOOL	76,600.00	68,900.00	76,900.00	(2,457.00)	74,443.00				I

EXPENDITURES	2006 - 2007		2006 - 2007		2007 - 2008		2008 - 2009		FOOT- NOTES
	BUDGET	EXPENDED	BUDGET	EXPENDED	BUDGET	EXPENDED	BUDGET	VARIANCE	
2722 TRANSPORTATION SPECIAL PROGRAM									
511 OTHER ORGANIZATIONS	11,400.00	10,517.27			13,050.00		18,250.00	5,200.00	
580 TRAVEL	100.00	0.00			100.00		100.00	0.00	
Total TRANSPORTATION SPECIAL PROGRAM	11,500.00	10,517.27			13,150.00		18,350.00	5,200.00	J
2743 VOCATIONAL TRANSPORTATION									
511 OTHER SOURCES	0.00	0.00			0.00		900.00	900.00	
580 TRAVEL	0.00	0.00			0.00		4,680.00	4,680.00	
Total VOCATIONAL TRANSPORTATION	0.00	0.00			0.00		5,580.00	5,580.00	K
5250 TRANSFER OF FUNDS									
880 EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS	10,000.00	10,000.00			5,000.00		5,000.00	0.00	
Total TRANSFER OF FUNDS	10,000.00	10,000.00			5,000.00		5,000.00	0.00	
5310 CHARTER SCHOOL									
563 TUITION	6,000.00	2,522.53			4,500.00		5,000.00	500.00	
Total CHARTER SCHOOL	6,000.00	2,522.53			4,500.00		5,000.00	500.00	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	1,374,228.00	1,217,885.43			1,457,052.00		1,421,717.00	(35,335.00)	

COLUMBIA SCHOOL DISTRICT 2008 - 2009 BUDGET FOOTNOTES

Footnotes delineated in the far right hand column of the Proposed Budget pages:

- A. Tuition enrollment decreased (5). Projected increase in cost per pupil.(K=+898, 1-8= +493)
Decrease HS \$ 381 per pupil). Compared to FY2008 Budget
- B. Reduction in Classroom Assistants over prior year.
- C. Increase in Court Ordered Placement.
- D. Vocational Tuition – Projected two students.
- E. Psychological Services – Decrease in out of district services
- F. Speech Pathology – Reduction in number of students in need of service
- G. Occupational Therapy – Decrease in student needs.
- H. Office of Superintendent – District Apportionment increased due to an increase in Equalized Valuation.
- I. Transportation – per contracted voted March 2006.
- J. Summer program transportation and extended school year transportation.
- K. Vocational Transportation – Offset on Revenue. Reimbursed by Dept. of Education.

COLUMBIA SCHOOL DISTRICT

2008 - 2009

ESTIMATED REVENUE

	2006 - 2007 REVENUE RECEIVED	2007 - 2008 BUDGET	2008 - 2009 PROPOSED BUDGET	VARIANCE
Balance on Hand, June 30th	116,726.00	160,046.00	190,000.00	29,954.00
Adequate Education Grant	361,029.00	386,630.00	386,630.00	0.00
Vocational Revenue	0.00	0.00	5,580.00	5,580.00
Earning on Investment	5,224.43	5,000.00	4,800.00	(200.00)
Medicaid Revenue	273.93	500.00	250.00	(250.00)
Catastrophic Aid	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Voted From Surplus	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other Local Revenue	2,478.75	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE	485,732.11	552,176.00	587,260.00	35,084.00

BUDGET SUMMARY

	2006 - 2007	2007 - 2008	2008 - 2009	Variance
Budget	1,374,228.00	1,457,052.00	1,421,717.00	(35,335.00)
Less: Estimated Revenue	485,732.11	552,176.00	587,260.00	35,084.00
DISTRICT ASSESSMENT	888,495.89	904,876.00	834,457.00	(70,419.00)
State Property Tax	125,701.00	137,205.00	163,121.00	25,916.00
Local Education Tax Rate	766,772.00	767,671.00	671,336.00	(96,335.00)

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT COLEBROOK – COLUMBIA

Again, the school funding issue is unresolved. The Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Costing an Adequate Education has reached some recommendations. The bottom line is that the total the state would distribute under these guidelines is similar to what is currently being distributed. There is a proposal for an amendment to allow targeting aid to property – poor districts. However, if that amendment passed, there would be no guarantee of a minimum level of funding for the targeted districts. The amount received could be less than what is being distributed to those districts now. A formula which considered per capita income would help many North Country towns because our median household income is 33% lower than the state average. I hope that some day I will be able to write that a stable funding formula has been developed which allows for inflation and which will be useable for many years, helping us to give a more accurate prediction of revenue for the school budget.

State funding of education has become a more critical issue to the North Country with each hit our area's economy has taken. The closing of Groveton Paper Board and the Burgess Pulp Mill in Berlin in 2006 and the Wausau Paper Mill in December 2007 have not only caused the loss of the jobs at those mills, but also the loss of many related jobs in the region, and service industry jobs which are no longer viable due to the loss of income in the North Country. As the economy of the area changes, the employment skills that our students need are also changing, and will continue to change throughout their careers. The most important concept that they can learn is that their education is never complete.

One of the difficulties in school budgeting is that we cannot carry over any balance on hand into the next budget year. This means that all unencumbered funds on June 30th must go back to reduce taxes. This past June we turned back \$552,150 in Colebrook, which helped to reduce the school tax rate by \$1.00 from the previous year. The balance on hand is due to a combination of factors, some unanticipated revenue, such as additional tuition, and some opportunities for cost savings, such as lower health insurance rates. The balances that have been turned back in recent years are a demonstration of frugality, not bad budgeting. The district could spend up to the total authorized at the School District Meeting. However, if there are opportunities for saving on expenses we try to capitalize on those opportunities. If it doesn't need to be spent, it's not spent.

I would like to congratulate Rob Gooch and the Colebrook Academy boys' soccer team for winning Colebrook Academy's first boys state soccer championship. A great team effort.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert C. Mills
Superintendent of Schools

TITLE I REPORT
2006 – 2007
COLEBROOK – COLUMBIA

The 2006-07 school year went by much too quickly. They tell me that the older you get, the faster the years go by. I believe it.

We did have a good school year. We concentrated this year on providing reading and math services to grades 1-3 and continued to offer reading for the 4th and 5th grade. In most cases we were able to get into the classrooms twice a day; once for reading and once for math. We did not necessarily see the same students during each visit, but in many cases the students having difficulty with reading also had difficulty with math.

In last year's report I spoke about the purchase of audio books to assist reluctant readers. We continued to expand that library and now have over 100 titles as audio books. These books are tied into the curriculum as much as possible. We canvassed the teachers to find out which titles that they would be teaching and purchased from that list. In some classes these audio books and stories have become quite popular.

We were able to purchase additional wall mounted bookcases to ease the space crunch in the Title 1 room. We now have much more book storage capacity, but space is still at a premium.

Title 1 served 54 children this year. As I mentioned before there is some overlap between reading and math services which would expand that 54 children to about 75.

The Title 1 program brought Natalie Kinsey-Warnock to the Colebrook Elementary School this during the fall of 2006. Ms. Kinsey-Warnock is a children's author from the Northeast Kingdom of Vermont. She wrote a wonderful book about her grandmother called The Canada Geese Quilt. During her presentation for the children she shared 20 quilts that she and her grandmother had made. She has published a number of other books and shared her writings with the children as well.

We had wanted to bring Reeve Lindberg back, but she took ill and was unable to travel. She would like to come back to Colebrook during the 2007-08 school year.

I would like to thank my wonderful staff, Sue Bailey and Paulette Owen, for all of their hard work on behalf of the children of Colebrook. And a special thank you to all the people of Colebrook for entrusting your children and their education to the fine teachers in the Colebrook school district.

Respectfully submitted,

Neal Brown,
Title 1 Project Manager/Teacher

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT #7

2008 - 2009

Proposed Budget

Adopted December 2007

CATEGORY	TOTAL	COLE 45.12%	PITTS 32.31%	STEW 12.77%	COLU 6.62%	CLARKS 3.18%
Special Education Services	80,287.00	36,225.49	25,940.73	10,252.65	5,315.00	2,553.13
Psychological Services	106,619.00	48,106.49	34,448.60	13,615.25	7,058.18	3,390.48
Other Support Services	57,600.00	25,989.12	18,610.56	7,355.52	3,813.12	1,831.68
Improvement of Instruction	12,560.00	5,667.07	4,058.14	1,603.91	831.47	399.41
Office of Superintendent	174,800.00	78,869.76	56,477.88	22,321.96	11,571.76	5,558.64
Coordinator of Special Services	134,598.00	60,730.62	43,488.61	17,188.16	8,910.39	4,280.22
Fiscal Services	190,664.00	86,027.60	61,603.54	24,347.79	12,621.96	6,063.12
Plant Services	21,485.00	9,694.03	6,941.80	2,743.63	1,422.31	683.22
TOTAL	778,613.00	351,310.19	251,569.86	99,428.88	51,544.18	24,759.89
Total Estimated Revenue	226,037.00	101,987.89	73,032.55	28,864.92	14,963.65	7,187.98
TOTAL DISTRICT SHARE FY09	552,576.00	249,322.29	178,537.30	70,563.96	36,580.53	17,571.92
District Share FY 2007-2008	553,205.00	251,985.00	179,072.00	69,870.00	33,967.00	18,311.00
Increase (Decrease) over FY08	(629.00)	(2,662.71)	(534.70)	693.96	2,613.53	(739.08)

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT #7
2008 - 2009 PROPOSED BUDGET

EXPENDITURES	2006 - 2007 BUDGET	2006 - 2007 EXPENDED	2007 - 2008 BUDGET	2008 - 2009 PROPOSED BUDGET	VARIANCE	FOOT- NOTES
1210 SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS						
110 SALARIES	14,700.00	-	71,000.00	71,000.00	-	
220 SOCIAL SECURITY TAX	1,147.00	-	5,538.00	5,538.00	-	
232 RETIREMENT	-	-	1,566.00	1,566.00	-	
260 WORKER'S COMPENSATION	79.00	-	383.00	383.00	-	
580 TRAVEL	800.00	-	800.00	1,200.00	400.00	
610 SUPPLIES	500.00	-	500.00	100.00	(400.00)	
810 DUES & FEES	500.00	-	500.00	500.00	-	
Total SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS	17,726.00	-	80,287.00	80,287.00	-	
2140 PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES						
110 SALARY	52,500.00	-	100.00	44,908.00	44,808.00	A
211 HEALTH INSURANCE	19,516.00	-	100.00	17,360.00	17,260.00	A
213 LIFE INSURANCE	-	-	-	90.00	90.00	
220 SOCIAL SECURITY CONTRIBUTIONS	4,095.00	-	8.00	3,503.00	3,495.00	
232 RETIREMENT	1,943.00	-	6.00	2,605.00	2,599.00	
260 WORKERS' COMPENSATION	284.00	-	1.00	243.00	242.00	
320 CONTRACTED SERVICE (94-142)	25,000.00	52,420.00	81,816.00	32,060.00	(49,756.00)	
323 CONTRACTED SERVICES	-	-	9,000.00	-	(9,000.00)	
580 MILEAGE	1,750.00	-	100.00	1,750.00	1,650.00	
610 SUPPLIES	1,100.00	-	100.00	300.00	200.00	
641 BOOKS	250.00	-	100.00	100.00	-	
642 SOFTWARE	200.00	-	100.00	100.00	-	
739 EQUIPMENT	3,500.00	-	3,500.00	3,500.00	-	
810 DUES & FEES	3,285.00	-	100.00	100.00	-	
Total PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES	113,423.00	52,420.00	95,031.00	106,619.00	11,588.00	A

EXPENDITURES	2006 - 2007	2006 - 2007	2007 - 2008	2008 - 2009	FOOT- NOTES
	BUDGET	EXPENDED	BUDGET	PROPOSED BUDGET	
2191 STUDENT ASSIST PROGRAM					
320 CONTRACTED SERVICES - GRANTS	53,500.00	-	47,000.00	54,100.00	7,100.00
580 TRAVEL	1,000.00	-	1,000.00	1,000.00	-
810 DUES & FEES	2,500.00	-	2,500.00	2,500.00	-
Total STUDENT ASSIST PROGRAM	57,000.00	-	50,500.00	57,600.00	7,100.00
2213 IMPROVEMENT OF INSTRUCTION					
320 COURSE REIMBURSEMENT	-	-	14,000.00	2,500.00	(11,500.00)
810 DUES AND FEES	34,000.00	-	-	10,060.00	10,060.00
Total IMPROVEMENT OF INSTRUCTION	34,000.00	-	14,000.00	12,560.00	(1,440.00)
2320 OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT					
110 SALARIES	112,134.00	102,233.23	107,965.00	111,450.00	3,485.00
211 HEALTH INSURANCE	26,506.00	19,712.07	19,838.00	19,289.00	(549.00)
213 LIFE INSURANCE	-	-	-	180.00	180.00
220 SOCIAL SECURITY CONTRIBUTIONS	8,746.00	7,702.39	8,421.00	8,693.00	272.00
231 RETIREMENT	7,636.00	6,995.75	9,436.00	9,741.00	305.00
260 WORKERS' COMPENSATION	606.00	592.36	583.00	602.00	19.00
430 REPAIR & MAINTENANCE	4,025.00	2,052.60	2,675.00	2,675.00	-
442 RENTAL - POSTAL	660.00	528.00	660.00	660.00	-
522 LIABILITY INSURANCE	1,800.00	1,030.00	1,900.00	1,900.00	-
531 TELEPHONE	1,860.00	2,030.00	2,200.00	2,200.00	-
532 POSTAGE	1,800.00	920.08	1,800.00	1,800.00	-
540 ADVERTISING	1,000.00	584.93	1,000.00	1,000.00	-
550 PRINTING	900.00	199.00	900.00	900.00	-
580 TRAVEL	5,880.00	6,330.77	5,880.00	6,620.00	740.00
610 SUPPLIES	2,500.00	1,538.83	2,500.00	2,900.00	400.00
641 BOOKS/PERIODICALS	500.00	159.89	500.00	500.00	-
642 SOFTWARE	100.00	104.00	100.00	120.00	20.00

EXPENDITURES	2006 - 2007		2006 - 2007		2007 - 2008		2008 - 2009		FOOT- NOTES
	BUDGET	EXPENDED	BUDGET	EXPENDED	BUDGET	EXPENDED	BUDGET	VARIANCE	
2320 OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT CONTINUED									
734 COMPUTER EQUIPMENT	1,200.00	1,215.43	-	-	-	-	1,800.00	1,800.00	D
739 OTHER EQUIPMENT	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,570.00	200.00	C
810 DUES & FEES	3,490.00	3,672.05	3,370.00						
890 OTHER EXPENSES	-	50.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Total OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT	181,343.00	157,651.38	169,728.00				176,600.00	6,872.00	
2332 COORDINATOR OF SP SERVICES									
110 SALARIES	69,261.00	64,701.99	69,379.00				72,677.00	3,298.00	B
211 HEALTH INSURANCE	21,687.00	28,573.39	31,078.00				34,718.00	3,640.00	B
213 LIFE INSURANCE	-	-	-	-	-	-	180.00	180.00	
220 SOCIAL SECURITY CONTRIBUTION	5,402.00	4,771.45	5,411.00				5,669.00	258.00	
232 RETIREMENT	4,717.00	4,425.62	6,064.00				6,352.00	288.00	
250 UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	-	2,232.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	
260 WORKERS' COMPENSATION	374.00	366.00	375.00				392.00	17.00	
430 REPAIR & MAINTENANCE	725.00	333.00	725.00				725.00	-	
520 LIABILITY INSURANCE	1,800.00	1,030.00	1,800.00				1,500.00	(300.00)	
531 TELEPHONE	1,400.00	1,268.00	1,200.00				1,200.00	-	
534 POSTAGE	900.00	1,085.60	1,300.00				1,300.00	-	
540 ADVERTISING	250.00	-	250.00				250.00	-	
550 PRINTING	800.00	100.00	800.00				500.00	(300.00)	
580 TRAVEL	4,340.00	2,876.93	4,340.00				3,710.00	(630.00)	C
610 SUPPLIES	1,600.00	1,720.93	1,800.00				2,000.00	200.00	
641 BOOKS	500.00	51.73	500.00				500.00	-	
642 SOFTWARE	55.00	138.00	55.00				55.00	-	
738 REPLACE COMPUTER EQUIP.	1,500.00	1,216.44	-				-	-	
759 FURNITURE	225.00	-	-				200.00	200.00	
810 DUES & FEES	1,430.00	2,089.31	1,870.00				2,670.00	800.00	C
Total COORDINATOR OF SP SERVICES	116,966.00	116,980.39	126,947.00				134,598.00	7,651.00	

EXPENDITURES	2006 - 2007		2006 - 2007		2007 - 2008		2008 - 2009		FOOT- NOTES
	BUDGET	EXPENDED	BUDGET	EXPENDED	BUDGET	EXPENDED	BUDGET	VARIANCE	
2520 FISCAL SERVICES									
110 SALARIES	86,362.00	94,511.42	100,871.00		104,926.00			4,055.00	B
120 TREASURER'S SALARY	600.00	600.00	600.00		600.00			-	
211 HEALTH INSURANCE	31,326.00	25,433.87	37,694.00		36,648.00			(1,046.00)	B
213 LIFE INSURANCE	-	-	-		270.00			270.00	
220 SOCIAL SECURITY CONTRIBUTIONS	6,783.00	7,117.82	7,915.00		8,229.00			314.00	
231 RETIREMENT	5,881.00	6,497.53	8,816.00		9,171.00			355.00	
260 WORKERS' COMPENSATION	470.00	462.00	548.00		570.00			22.00	
319 CONTRACTED SERVICES	1,900.00	180.00	2,500.00		3,000.00			500.00	
430 REPAIR & MAINTENANCE	3,825.00	3,335.00	6,075.00		6,475.00			400.00	
522 LIABILITY INSURANCE	2,100.00	1,270.00	2,100.00		1,800.00			(300.00)	
531 TELEPHONE	1,500.00	1,356.73	1,620.00		1,620.00			-	
534 POSTAGE	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00		1,200.00			-	
540 ADVERTISING	200.00	-	200.00		200.00			-	
550 PRINTING	900.00	93.50	900.00		500.00			(400.00)	
580 TRAVEL	3,840.00	3,608.70	3,840.00		4,320.00			480.00	C
610 SUPPLIES	3,800.00	5,220.05	3,800.00		4,000.00			200.00	
641 BOOKS	300.00	81.73	300.00		300.00			-	
642 SOFTWARE	-	207.00	55.00		55.00			-	
734 NEW COMPUTER EQUIPMENT	-	-	-		1,200.00			1,200.00	D
810 DUES & FEES	3,515.00	1,206.45	2,780.00		3,780.00			1,000.00	C
Total FISCAL SERVICES	154,502.00	152,381.80	181,814.00		188,864.00			7,050.00	

EXPENDITURES	2006 - 2007	2006 - 2007	2007 - 2008	2008 - 2009	VARIANCE	FOOT- NOTES
	BUDGET	EXPENDED	BUDGET	PROPOSED BUDGET		
2600 PLANT SERVICES						
421 RUBBISH REMOVAL	700.00	715.00	960.00	960.00	-	-
430 REPAIR & MAINTENANCE	25.00	-	25.00	25.00	-	-
441 RENTAL CHARGE	18,000.00	18,000.00	18,000.00	18,000.00	-	-
521 PROPERTY INSURANCE	700.00	1,637.00	700.00	2,000.00	1,300.00	-
610 SUPPLIES	800.00	93.84	800.00	500.00	(300.00)	-
739 NEW EQUIPMENT	-	165.00	2,000.00	-	(2,000.00)	E
810 DUES & FEES	-	25.00	-	-	-	-
Total PLANT SERVICES	20,225.00	20,635.84	22,485.00	21,485.00	(1,000.00)	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	695,185.00	500,069.41	740,792.00	778,613.00	37,821.00	

SAU #7 BUDGET FOOTNOTES

Reference Number	Explanation of Increase/Decrease	Amount
A	PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES	
	Hire an Associate School Psychologist - Increase number of days available in SAU #7	3,262.00
B	SALARIES	
	Projected Salary increase	
	Health Insurance is projected at 4.3% increase.	
C	TRAVEL, DUES AND FEES	
	Increase appropriation to reflect fee charges for basic conferences. This has not been updated for 4 years.	2,300.00
D	FURNITURE & EQUIPMENT	
	Purchase additional Fire Proof File Cabinet	1,800.00
	Purchase Laptop Computer	1,200.00
	(continue replacement cycle of equipment)	
E	Plant Services - New Equipment - Radio Unit purchased FY08	(2,000.00)

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT #7
ESTIMATED REVENUE
2008 - 2009

	Revenue Received 2006 - 2007	Budget 2007 - 2008	Adopted Budget 2008 - 2009	Variance
Unreserved Fund Balance(carryover applied)	\$ 34,580.86	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 22,000.00
PL 94-142 Grant	\$ 137,074.21	\$ 128,187.00	\$ 143,087.00	\$ 14,900.00
Bureau of Substance Abuse Services	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 41,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
D O E Drug Free Grant	\$ 13,471.88	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ -
PL 99-457 Preschool Grant	\$ 2,774.47	\$ 2,100.00	\$ 2,100.00	\$ -
Title II	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Coos County Grant	\$ 5,549.33	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,500.00	\$ -
Interest	\$ 600.87	\$ 300.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 50.00
Other Local Income	\$ 3,242.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ -
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE	\$ 237,293.62	\$ 187,587.00	\$ 226,037.00	\$ 38,450.00
Total Expenditures/Appropriations	\$ 698,220.44	\$ 740,792.00	\$ 778,613.00	\$ 37,821.00
		\$ 553,205.00	\$ 552,576.00	\$ (629.00)

COLUMBIA SCHOOL DISTRICT
District Minutes – March 13, 2007
The State of New Hampshire

The meeting opened at 9:30 pm with the school district clerk asking for nominations for school district moderator.

Carolyn Foss-Monson nominated Jane McCoy with a second from Scott Deblois. With a unanimous vote, Jane assumed the position of moderator after being sworn in by Town Clerk, Marcia Parkhurst.

1. To bring in your ballots for the election of School District Officers to be elected by ballot for the ensuing year(s).

Moderator:	Robert Gooch (write ins)	15
Treasurer:	Jennifer Wells	54
Clerk:	Jennifer Wells	54
School Board:	Karen Riendeau	52

2. I move to accept the salaries of the School Board the compensation of any other officers or agents of the District in the amount of \$1,150.00 as printed in the school report on page CU-7.

Motion made by:	Carolyn Foss-Monson
Seconded by:	Scott Deblois
Vote:	Yes

3. I move to accept the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees or Officers chosen as printed in the school report.

Motion made by:	Laverna Cass
Seconded by:	Scott Tessier
Vote:	Yes

4. I move to accept the provisions of RSA 198.20-b providing that any school district at an annual meeting may adopt an article authorizing indefinitely, until specific rescission of such authority, the school board to apply for, accept and expend, without further action by the school district, unanticipated money from a state, federal or other governmental unit or a private source which becomes available during the fiscal year.

Motion made by:	Carolyn Foss-Monson
Seconded by:	Mary Lou Placy
Vote:	Yes

COLUMBIA SCHOOL DISTRICT
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5. To authorize the School Board to include in the SAU #7 budget the position of a part-time Human Resource/Personnel Clerk, per RSA 194-C:9; to be effective July 1, 2008.

I move to indefinitely postpone Article 5

Motion made by:	Lisa Placy-Brooks
Seconded by:	Joyce Brady
Vote:	Yes

6. I move to raise and appropriate the sum of Five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to be added to the Tuition Expendable Trust Fund previously established.

Motion made by:	Carolyn Foss-Monson
Seconded by:	Edward Poulin
Vote:	Yes

7. I move to raise and appropriate the sum of One million, four hundred fifty-two thousand, fifty-two dollars (\$1,452,052.00) for the support of schools, for the payment of salaries for the school district officials and agents, and for the payment for the statutory obligations of the District. This article does not include appropriation in warrant articles #6.

Motion made by:	Scott Tessier
Seconded by:	Mary Lou Placy
Vote:	Yes

8. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

I move to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 pm

Motion made by:	JoAnne Shimkus
Seconded by:	Carolyn Foss-Monson
Vote:	Yes

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Wells
School District Clerk

**COLUMBIA SCHOOL DISTRICT
FINANCIAL REPORT
2006 - 2007
BALANCE SHEET
June 30, 2007**

ASSETS:

Current Assets

Cash in Bank	\$ 150,879.58
Intergovernmental A/R	<u>9,821.30</u>

TOTAL ASSETS

\$ 160,700.88

LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY

Current Liabilities

Accounts Payable	\$ 654.64
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Total Current Liabilities	\$ 654.64
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Fund Equity

Reserve for Amounts Voted	0.00
Unreserved Fund Balance	<u>160,046.24</u>

Total Fund Equity	<u>\$ 160,046.24</u>
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TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY

\$ 160,700.88

**COLUMBIA SCHOOL DISTRICT
FINANCIAL REPORT
2006 - 2007
STATEMENT OF REVENUES
June 30, 2007**

REVENUE FROM LOCAL SOURCES

Current Appropriations	\$	766,772.00
Earnings on Investment		5,224.43
Other Local Revenue		3.00
Refunds Prior Year	\$	2,475.75

<u>TOTAL LOCAL REVENUE</u>	\$	<u>774,475.18</u>
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REVENUE FROM STATE SOURCES

State of New Hampshire - Adequacy Aid (Grant)	\$	361,029.00
State of New Hampshire - Adequacy Aid (State Tax)		125,701.00
State of New Hampshire - Catastrophic Aid		-

<u>TOTAL STATE REVENUE</u>	\$	<u>486,730.00</u>
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REVENUE FROM FEDERAL SOURCES

State of New Hampshire - Medicaid		-
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<u>TOTAL FEDERAL REVENUE</u>	\$	<u>-</u>
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<u>TOTAL REVENUE FROM ALL SOURCES</u>	\$	<u>1,261,205.18</u>
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2006 - 2007 DETAILED STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES
SALARIES

Gooch, Robert	25.00
Hall, Melissa	1,678.41
McCoy, Jane	25.00
Placy-Brooks, Lisa M.	300.00
Riendeau, Karen	300.00
Soucy, Kay K.	300.00
Wells, Jennifer	200.00
TOTAL SALARIES	2,828.41

OTHER EXPENSES

1st Step Day Care	180.00
BC Country Day School, LLC	23,834.00
Colebrook Chronicle	125.00
Colebrook School District	1,024,040.90
Coos County Independent Services	10,517.27
Cote, Christine	9,700.80
Deer Creek Psychological Services	850.00
First Colebrook Bank	216.38
George M. Stevens & Son Co.	240.00
Gray, Suzanne	4.80
Hutchinson, Jaime	80.99
Infantine Insurance, Inc.	669.00
Langley, Karen	500.00
LexisNexis - Matthew Bender	51.73
N H School Boards Association	1,804.36
News & Sentinel	168.25
North Country Education Services	2,522.53
Primex	416.00
Roberge, Mandy	2,819.82
Rockhill, Dr. Virginia	900.00
School Administrative Unit #7	30,758.57
Stratford School District	900.00
Switser, Jean Maccalous	22,860.00
Trustee of Trust Funds	10,000.00
W W Berry Transportation	68,000.00
White Mountains Regional School District	2,896.62
TOTAL OTHER EXPENSES	1,215,057.02

TOTAL EXPENDITURES	1,217,885.43
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**COLUMBIA SCHOOL DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF ANALYSIS OF CHANGES
IN FUND EQUITY**

June 30, 2007

Fund Equity, July 1, 2006	116,726.49
Plus Total Revenue	1,261,205.18
Less Total Expenditures	<u>1,217,885.43</u>
Fund Equity, June 30, 2007	160,046.24

**ACTUAL EXPENDITURES
FOR
SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS AND SERVICES**

Description	2005 - 2006	2006 - 2007
Expenses:		
Instructional Programs	20,710.63	25,748.81
Related Services:		
Speech, OT, Psychological & Other	16,296.09	30,901.60
Administration	2,358.12	7,010.00
Transportation	<u>8,942.16</u>	<u>10,517.27</u>
Total Expenses	<u>\$48,307.00</u>	<u>\$74,177.68</u>
Revenue:		
Special Ed. Allocation of		
Adequacy State Grant	45,437.00	45,437.00
Medicaid	273.93	-
Catastrophic Aid	0.00	-
Total Revenue	<u>\$45,710.93</u>	<u>\$45,437.00</u>
Net Cost for Special Education	\$2,596.07	\$28,740.68

COLUMBIA SCHOOL DISTRICT
TRANSPORTATION 2006 - 2007

TRANSPORTER	ROUTE	RATE/DAY	PUPILS	MILES/DAY
WW Berry Transportation Inc.	E. Columbia	\$377.77	38	48.0
WW Berry Transportation Inc.	S. Columbia		32	52.0

TUITION PUPILS & RATES 2006 - 2007

Grade Levels	Pupils	RATE
Kindergarten	3	\$3,052.00
Elementary	62	\$9,394.00
High School	35	\$10,947.00

As of June 2007

S A U # 7 PERSONNEL	POSITION	TOTAL SALARY	COLUMBIA SHARE 6.14%
2007 - 2008			
Bissonnette, Beth	Bookkeeper	\$23,039.78	\$1,414.64
Covill, Cheryl	Business Manager	\$49,400.00	\$3,033.16
Gray, Suzanne	Payroll/Personnel Clerk	\$25,232.18	\$1,549.26
Grover, Patricia	Administrative Secretary	\$29,871.45	\$1,834.11
Lord, Theresa	Coord Of Special Services	\$44,700.00	\$2,744.58
Mills, Robert C.	Superintendent	\$75,300.00	\$4,623.42
Tessier, Anne	Special Services Secretary	\$23,607.45	\$1,449.50

TOWN MEETING NOTES

